

ELLIE TELLS OF 'AMAZING' TWO DAYS AFTER SHE MEETS THE QUEEN



Her Majesty shakes hands with Ellie at the Palace

PARALYMPIC star Ellie Simmonds spoke of her 'amazing' two days after she met the Queen during jubilant celebrations to mark Team GB's success at Rio 2016. The Aldridge-born swimmer joined 400 competitors for a reception in London as part of an aptly-named Heroes Return celebration.

The 21-year-old said: "It has been an amazing two days - the whole thing was absolutely incredible. On Monday in Manchester we were on a parade truck and having celebrations in the evening.

"And the next day we were in London and had celebrations in Trafalgar Square where we met the Queen, Prince Harry and the Royals. I've only been back from the games for a few weeks and haven't had much time

to chill out. But I've been enjoying all the opportunities I've had since coming back.

"I'm just having a break now, going on holiday next month and then I'll get back in the pool afterwards," she said.

London Mayor Sadiq Khan went on to pour deserved adulation on the athletes calling them superheroes.

In this summer's Olympics Team GB secured 67 medals, including 27 golds, marking its best ever return at any games hosted in another country. Britain also became the first nation to improve on a home Olympics in the following event having surpassed the London 2012 tally of 65 medals.

In the Paralympics Team GB went on to bag a stunning 147 medals, including 64

golds. Simmonds was well and truly among the haul smashing the world record in the 200m swimming medley to secure gold, bagging the fifth in her career overall including double success in both the Beijing and London games.

Tuesday's celebrations culminated in Her Royal Highness inviting the athletes to Buckingham Palace for a formal reception.

Pictures were posted on the official royal family Twitter feed including one of Ellie shaking hands with Her Majesty which was shared by dozens of people within minutes.

Ellie also tweeted: "It was an honor to attend Buckingham palace with @TeamGB and @ParalympicsGB. Just love the Royals."

HERITAGE

Steaming ahead with historic loco

AN HISTORIC locomotive train passed through Walsall over the weekend. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, formerly known as Barbury Castle, passed through Walsall on its way up to Chester.

The steam train started in Tyseley, Birmingham, and stopped at Wolverhampton, Stafford and Crewe on its way up north, and returned to Birmingham via Shrewsbury, Wolverhampton and Bescot. Built in March 1936, the locomotive was renamed in 1937. It was withdrawn in December 1963, and acquired by Woodham Brothers scrapyard in Barry, Wales in June 1964. It remained there until 1973 when it was sold to the then Birmingham Railway Museum, and was finally fully restored in 2007. Trips on the Earl are organised by West Midlands-based Vintage Trains.



Picture courtesy of Jozef Lopuszynski

Petition launched as much-loved attraction under threat

THOUSANDS JOIN IN

ART GALLERY FIGHT

NEARLY 2,500 people have signed a petition to save Walsall New Art Gallery. The gallery, which opened back in 2000, is under threat of closure as Walsall Council has put forward proposals to stop a large proportion of its funding.

Councillor Sean Coughlan, the leader of Walsall Council, had previously warned that by 2020 the borough would be left with no art gallery if the current levels of austerity and central government cuts continue.

Since then the council has put forward its plans to save £86 million in four years - including plans to reduce the financial support it gives the gallery.

This proposed reduction in funding will mean the gallery, which has hosted exhibitions from the likes of Damien Hirst and Andy Warhol, will have to become self-sufficient or close. Now a petition has been started to keep the £21 million building open, along with the borough's museums and libraries which are also under threat in the coming years.

Unethical

The petition, which at the time of writing has 2,475 signatures, reads: "Closing Walsall's art gallery, museum and libraries to provide the necessary budget cuts that the Conservative government demand is both unethical and impractical which will destroy the atmosphere of many surrounding communities."

Lou Blakeway, from Cradley Heath, was one of those to sign the petition. She said: "Culture is for everyone not just the elite. This gallery holds a significant collection of artworks which should be available for all to see including the working classes."

A spokesman for Walsall Council said: "Our journey of cost reduction to compen-

Report by Jack Avery

sate for the reduced funding won't be over until 2020. Put simply, having saved £100 million, the council will face four more years of funding reductions - that means this council has to save another £86 million by 2020 to rebalance the books.

"Continued austerity will mean this authority and many other councils have to reduce what they do, at a time when we are seeing a greater demand for social care services from our ageing, frail population, increasing demands on children's services and reductions in NHS spending.

"The council fully appreciates that the art gallery is much-loved by those who use it however, like many councils across the country, this authority can't ignore the fact that savings have to be made. This is why we will be consulting with our public on all the budget options for the gallery. No final decision has been made, nor will be made until we have listened to our residents, service users and partners alike to find the best available option."

The petition can be viewed by visiting www.change.org

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Arboretum may be crowned best



Trees line the lake at Walsall Arboretum, which is in the running for a national accolade

WALSALL Arboretum could be crowned Best Park 2016 after it was nominated for the prestigious award.

Described as 'the jewel in Walsall's crown', it covers more than 80 acres and is popular with people of all ages. It recently underwent a major transformation thanks to cash from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The awards aim to recognise some of the best public gardens in the UK and the public is being

asked to vote for their favourite. The competition is organised by national charity Fields in Trust.

The description of Walsall Arboretum on the website for the awards says: "The park has been transformed since the near £5 million Heritage Lottery bid. It has taken a few years to complete but it is definitely the jewel in Walsall's crown." To find out more about the awards and to vote, visit: <http://www.fieldsintrust.org/bestpark/westmidlands>.

SPORT

Banks's tickets left for Wright's night

ONLY a handful of tickets are left for footballing legend Ian Wright's appearance in Walsall. The former England and Arsenal striker will be at the Banks's Stadium on December 14.

He will be presenting a sporting dinner with Ian Wright where he will talk about his time with Arsenal and before that Crystal Palace, as well as his general experience in football.

Walsall FC announced that just 20 tickets were available for the sporting dinner. Tickets cost £80 and are available online at www.wfcthevenue.co.uk/whats-on/whats-on

Despite hanging up his boots Wright is still heavily involved in the game working as a pundit on ITV and on BBC Radio 5live.

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More in work, but jobless number up

UNEMPLOYMENT has increased even though the number of people in work is at record levels, new figures have shown.

The jobless total rose by 10,000 in the quarter to August to 1.66 million, the first jump since the turn of the year.

In the West Midlands the number out of work rose by 3,000 to 168,000, but the number in employment was up 45,000 to 2.69 million.

Employment Minister, Damian Hinds, said: "It's good news in the West Midlands where there's a near record of 2.7 million people in work, a rise of almost 88,000 in the last year alone."

Nationally employment was up by 106,000 in

the latest quarter to almost 32 million, the highest since records began in 1971.

The Office for National Statistics said its data also showed a 65,000 fall in the number of people classed as economically active, down to a joint record low rate of 21.5 per cent, or 8.8 million.

The national claimant count, including those on Jobseeker's Allowance, also increased last month – up by 700 to 776,400. It was the sixth time in the last seven months that the figure has increased.

But for the West Midlands the total was down by just 15 to 83,315. The claimant total in Walsall remained the same at 4,905 (2.9 per cent), but South Staffordshire was up 20 to 720 (1.1 per cent).

JobCentre Plus business development leader Cathy Taylor said that jobs were continuing to come on stream in the Black Country.

"There is a lot of recruitment going on in the retail sector and in hospitality and the Royal Mail is interviewing for 200 seasonal jobs in Wolverhampton. An agency is also recruiting locally for Amazon in Rugeley," she explained.

Employment Minister Damian Hinds said: "Once again it's great news for Britain as the employment rate remains at a record high, with more than 31.8 million men and women in work. But there's more to do, particularly when it comes to supporting young people into employment."

Mother: We must get tough on knife crime

THE mother of murder victim Tom Kirwan has called for tougher sentences for knife crime after new figures showed a dramatic rise in the number of incidents involving blades across the West Midlands.

The latest figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) – branded 'extremely worrying' by a Black Country MP – show that 37 out of 44 police forces in England and Wales recorded a rise in offences involving knives and sharp instruments in the year to June.

While knife crime rose by nine per cent nationally, with nearly one in five of the extra offences taking place in the West Midlands.

Emer Kirwan, whose son Tom was stabbed to death outside the former Uberra Club in Wolverhampton in July 2012, said it was 'heartbreaking' to see the high levels of knife crime in the region. Her son's killer has never been found.

Distressing

"A lot of people think they can carry a weapon around and not get prosecuted," she said. "There should be stiffer sentences for anyone who is found carrying a knife."

"How any normal person can go around carrying a knife and use it on another person is beyond me. Something has got to be done because the problem is clearly getting worse."

In the last month alone there have been three stabbings in the space of eight days in Dudley borough. Mansoor Mahmood, 24, died after he was stabbed in the stomach in Brierley Hill, a 22-year-old man was stabbed in Lower Gornal and an 18-year-old critically injured in a stabbing in Sedgley.

There was also a stabbing on a bus in West Bromwich, which led to a 16-year-old boy requiring hospital treatment, while in September 23-year-old Mircea Gheorghe Cozmiuc was knifed to death in Whitmore Reans, Wolverhampton. All of the in-



Murder victim Tom Kirwan



Schoolgirl Christina Edkins



Mircea Gheorghe Cozmiuc



Stabbed - Louis Simpson

cidents took place after the ONS figures were compiled, sparking fears that knife crime across the region could be getting worse.

The force has waged a long-running battle to rid the streets of violent crime, with the region having seen a number of high profile stabbings. They include Halesowen schoolgirl Christina Edkins, who was fatally stabbed in the chest by Phillip Simelane, of Walsall, while travelling to

school on the No.9 bus along Hagley Road, in Edgbaston, on March 7, 2013.

Her great uncle Chris Melia, said: "It is distressing to see that more and more people are going through the same distressing experience as ours. It seems there is still not enough resources being put into stopping knife crime."

Earlier this year Darren Parker, who was 43, was killed after being

knifed in West Bromwich, while in October 2015 Herman 'Louis' Simpson, 46, was stabbed to death in his home Wolverhampton.

Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McFadden, said: "I think these figures will strike fear into the heart of every parent. Whenever there is a rise in the crime rate we have to take it very seriously. We all know that knives can end lives and cause endless heartbreak."

'Misery' of proposed cutbacks

WALSALL council's plans to charge for garden waste and to decrease green waste collection will lead to 'misery' and a marked increase in fly tipping – it has been warned.

Councillor Mike Bird, the leader of Walsall's Conservative party and former leader of the council, made the comments as he described the budget put forward as the worst he has ever seen.

The Tories in Walsall had control of the council up until earlier this year when Labour gained a seat and had enough to form a majority with the Liberal Democrats.

The new administration have now put a four-year budget forward in which they are proposing to reduce green waste collection season by one month so it ends in September next October and introduce charges for garden waste.

This is on top of plans for every other week bin collections which were approved in December last year.

Speaking about the proposals and the budget as a whole Councillor Bird said: "There are things in there that do concern me. I do understand we have to balance the budget but I did say to Councillor Coughlan back

when he took over 'there ain't no money' and he is beginning to see that now.

"Some of the measures that have been put forward we have defeated in the past and we will try to defeat them again. One of these is the charge for garden waste collection. This combined with the month less of green waste collection will lead to further misery and further dumping of rubbish. I will be seeking a meeting early next week with my shadow cabinet and council officers to go through the proposals properly as the devil is in the detail."

Man walks free from court after bar attack

A MAN who left a father-of-three in a coma for eight days after he punched him in a bar has walked free from court.

Ben Mornington had drunk seven or eight pints of alcohol when he struck his victim once in the face at Yates's bar on Leicester Street in Walsall hours after England had beaten Wales in the European Championships on June 16.

Mornington, aged 30, hit him with such force that the victim smashed his head off the floor and he was left fighting for his life. The man's family was told to prepare for the worse after the attack and in a statement read out in court, he stated he cannot remember the attack and has had to be signed off from work as a labourer for six months.

Prosecutor Mr Henry Skudra told Wolverhampton Crown Court that Mornington, of Chantry Avenue in Blakenall, handed himself into police two days after the attack. That followed an appeal in the Express & Star, which published CCTV images of him in Yates.

Mr Stephen Cadwallader, defending, added the victim, who has to attend monthly check ups at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, had himself since been arrested by police three times following the attack.

Mornington pleaded guilty to causing grievous bodily harm at a hearing on September 21, received a jail term of 16 months, suspended for 18 months, and was told he must undertake 180 hours unpaid work over the next 12 months. He must also pay his victim £1,000 in compensation.

Clothes catch fire left on hob

A COUPLE had an unwanted early morning alarm call when clothes and possessions left overnight on top of an electric hob caught light.

A smoke alarm alerted the man and woman at the house in Harden Road, Bloxwich who evacuated the building with their two dogs after alerting the fire service around 6.30am on Sunday.

Crews from Bloxwich and Walsall attended the incident and extinguished the fire which caused smoke damage to half the kitchen.

Two dogs had also left the property before the firefighters arrived at the scene but two cats stayed put and survived the incident which is thought to have been sparked by a knob on the hob being inadvertently being left turned on overnight.

Ramblers set out for countryside

THE Walsall Group of the Ramblers are at Astley Abbots, near Bridgnorth, this Sunday.

The group will be going on a 7.5 mile moderate circular walk. Newcomers are always welcome and should contact the walk leader on 01922 692929

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5,000 fines for parents in planned absences

NEARLY 5,000 fines, totalling almost £300,000, were issued to parents across the Black Country and Staffordshire in the last school year after their children took authorised absences, such as holiday time off.

The region's five local authorities are informed by schools of children's authorised absences and are allowed to issue £60 penalty notices which can rise to £120 if not paid within three weeks.

Staffordshire and Walsall councils issued the most fines - 1,595 and 1579 respectively. That could have brought in £95,700 and £94,740 for the authorities if all the £60 fines were paid on time.

Only 149 people in Staffordshire appealed the fines, while in Walsall that total was lower, at 78 parents. Data from across the UK shows councils issued more than 114,000 fines to parents.

In total across Staffordshire and the Black Country, 4,879 fines were issued and 383, or eight per cent, withdrawn.

The fines were first introduced in the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 in an effort to stop children taking time off school without reason.

The information through Freedom of Information request was collected by law firm Simpson Millar.

Solicitor Julie Robertson, who works for Simpson Millar, said the figures were 'staggering' and that parents were often being punished for taking their children out of school with good reason.

Profits soar for drinks business

DRINKS business Purity Soft Drinks saw sales and profits rise in its last financial year. The Wednesbury business, which was bought by Langholm Capital in 2012, increased pre-tax profit from £539,000 to £1.51 million for the year to April 1 and turnover was up 16.2 per cent to £18.5m.

In June the Mounts Road firm laid out its ambition to generate £60m in JuiceBurst sales by 2019.

There has been an £8m investment in its production line and marketing drive. Juice Burst was relaunched in March, Purity's full year performance was helped by new customer growth across all sales channels for the JuiceBurst brand. The company is planning further JuiceBurst and Firefly branded sales and profit growth.

Junction works to hit motorists

DRIVERS face disruption on a busy Bilston road while works are carried out next week.

Temporary traffic lights will be on Highfields Road, at the junction of Dudley Street until November 6.

Eviction threat pensioner in arson jailed

A PENSIONER who torched his rented £100,000 home after being threatened with eviction because of the state of the garden has been jailed for two years.

John Barton started five fires throughout the premises before leaving the two bedroom end of terrace property with smoke billowing from the address.

The 65-year-old, who lived alone, left a suicide note before 'coming to his senses' and phoning the fire service, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. They found the front door open

and two members of the crew had to don breathing apparatus to search for casualties in the house the empty house that was empty.

Former milkman Barton was found among those standing on the pavement watching the incident develop in Remington Place, Beechdale on August 11 and told another bystander: "I have burned my house down. I have had enough," revealed Mr Paul Farrow, prosecuting.

The lawyer continued: "There were five seats on fire which had been set among furniture and clothes as well as

in a fitted cupboard. The property was said to be worth £100,000. It suffered 100 per cent smoke damage and 30 per cent fire damage."

Mr Farrow said he had no official figure for the overall cost of repair.

Barton, who had lived at the property for 14 years, told police that he had 'lost his rag' after 'difficulties' over the tenancy. These centred on his unwillingness to tend his overgrown garden and a warning that he would be thrown out of the house if the plot was not smartened up.

Miss Sumita Mathtab-Shaikha, de-

fending, said: "He was fearful of losing his accommodation and became extremely depressed. He left a suicide note before starting the fires but then came to his senses and alerted the fire service."

Barton admitted committing arson when reckless as to whether life was endangered and was sent to prison by Judge Mark Eades who told him: "When you set fire to a building it is impossible to predict what the consequences might be and that is why the courts take this kind of offending so seriously."

Saddlers reach goal as profits at 25-year high

WALSALL Football Club has scored its biggest profit in 25 years, new figures reveal, boosted by a hard-fought promotion battle and an Elton John concert.

And the club has revealed its income soared by an extra £1 million last season despite the Saddlers narrowly missing out on a place in the Championship.

It means the club, owned by chairman Jeff Bonser, recorded an impressive profit of £416,000 - up from £62,000 for the previous year.

The newly-released figures detail the club's financial performance in the year to the end of May. Accounts show the increase in revenue has come from 'football and commercial income' which includes television money, kit sales, transfer fees and sponsorship from the likes of HomeServe and Banks's brewer Marston's.

The club received £5,063,000 in Football and Commercial Income compared with £4,035,000 in the previous year.

Concert

The additional money is likely to have come from various sources, including television revenue, with the Saddlers two games against Barnsley in the League One play-offs both aired by Sky.

And the Banks's Stadium hosted a string of events last year, including the Elton John concert that attracted more than 14,000 fans. The club will also have benefited from transfer action such as the 20 per cent sell-on clause in its deal selling Will Grigg to Brentford in 2013. He moved to Wigan last summer for a rumoured £1m. But the year's figures do not include the sales of Rico Henry and Tom Bradshaw, who left in August for hefty transfer fees.

The accounts also reveal a £400,000 hike in the wage bill at the club, which went through three managers last season. Wages and salaries rose to £3.17m from £2.76m the year before including a 50 per cent rise in the amount paid to directors, up from £113,000 to £169,000. But the number of people employed at the club fell, with playing and coaching staff down from 81 to 76 and other staff down from 50 to 44.

Mr Bonser said: "For the 11th successive year I can announce a trading profit, this time of £417,000. This also represents 20 years of profit in the last 23 years which I believe to be a significant achievement."

New leaf for author in school visit



With Jonathan Meres, are, from left, Harry Gilliver, Leila Newman, Finley Deeley-Brewer and Amreece Samra

THINGS were very fair for Aldridge School students with a visit by acclaimed children's author Jonathan Meres.

Jonathan Meres, who writes the best-selling The World of Norm series about a boy who finds life very unfair, was guest author at the school as part of its annual book week. Year 7 pupils were entertained by the author, who has also written a thirteen-part TV series of Yo! Diary! for CBBC, based

on his own Yo! Diary! books. He has also written several episodes of The Hoobs and Carrie and David's Popshop for Cbeebies.

Jonathan Meres, who started his writing career in 1994, has won a Time Out Magazine Award for comedy.

Mrs Harbans Kaur, school librarian, said: "It was great having Jonathan here at the school where he had a lot of young fans keen to snap some selfies with him as well

as quizzing him about being an author."

Jonathan Meres added: "I hope I inspired the students not only to pick up books and read but to also have a go at writing for fun - it's certainly been very fair to me!"

Year 7 students have taken part in lots of book-related competitions and prizes were handed out at a special assembly, by Walsall author Julian Roderick, who wrote the Felix Jones adventure series.

NEWS IN BRIEF

New rail system in pipeline for town

A MULTI-MILLION pound 'very light rail' system is being planned for Wednesbury, which council chiefs say will give a boost to the town.

Talks are under way to bring in the pioneering system, which would link the bus station to a Metro stop on the edge of town.

Bosses said they are 'very hopeful' about the project, which could be up and running within two years. The scheme will be similar to the successful Stourbridge Shuttle and built by the same firm, Cradley Heath-based Parry People Movers.

Camera to tackle alleyway trouble

A CCTV camera has been installed in part of Willenhall to tackle anti-social behaviour in problem alleyways.

The alleyways covered are at the back of Hawthorn Road, Johnson Road, Little Road and Sandwell Place.

Willenhall North neighbourhood police team confirmed they had installed the camera with the agreement of Walsall Council.

Sgt Harj Cheema said: "It was recently highlighted that persons are causing anti-social behaviour whilst using the alleyways." It is hoped the camera will be a deterrent to youths.

The boat women are remembered

FORGOTTEN heroines of the Second World War, the Boat Women, will be given long overdue recognition at the next meeting of the West Bromwich Institute next Tuesday at 7.30pm.

Acclaimed local historian Keith Hodgkins will tell the story of the doughty ladies who crewed the barges on the canals between Birmingham and London carrying heavy equipment vital to the war effort. Tickets are available on the night for £3 at the West Bromwich Central Library.

Police crack down on uninsured drivers

TWENTY uninsured vehicles in Walsall were seized by police as part of a week-long crackdown on illegal motorists. Central Motorways Police Group partnered with The Motor Insurers' Bureau for the operation at Bluxwich Road last Tuesday.

From 2pm to 8pm, 20 vehicles were seized for no insurance. Three vehicles seized for no tax.

Each driver who committed an offence has been reported and will appear at court at a later date.

Bedsit nod for office

PLANS to convert a former solicitors in Walsall town centre into seven bedsits have been granted permission. Walsall Council said they had approved the proposal from applicant Yassar Khalil to turn the former Fountain Solicitors on Bradford Street into homes.

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I HAD an invitation from a friend to a lecture on the future of literature which would make the point that old-fashioned ink and paper is dead and the way forward is with the internet. The invitation was on a post-card, in an envelope, with a stamp.

OH, no! Shock, horror! The annual inflation rate is at a two-year high! It has hit (wait for it, cue roll on the drums) one per cent! Some of us of a certain age were unmoved by this week's panic-stricken bleatings of youthful journalists and City experts. That's because we remember 1975 when inflation hit 25 per cent. We all survived.

THIS week the first of the "children" arrived from the Calais Jungle. They do not look like children. They look more like soldiers. It was a PR disaster. Given the suspicion that the system is being abused by adults posing as children, this was the perfect photo- opportunity for the authorities to bring a group of the sweetest, tiniest and most vulnerable little Jungle children to the UK. Instead of that heart-melting image, we were presented with a column of tall, confident youths. I can think of three explanations. Firstly, there are very few real children with British connections in the Jungle. Secondly, no-one in authority knows how the media works. Or thirdly, no-one connected with the migration programme gives a damn what the British public thinks.

ONE glaring question hangs over Jeremy Corbyn's ongoing furore about Baroness Chakrabarti. It is this: did none of the



...ing ...s running Corbyn's ...ing useless PR operation ever watch The Thick of It (BBC)? If they had, they would have realised by now that the storyline of Chakrabarti embarrassing the party by sending her child to private school is a re-run of minister Nicola Murray's (Rebecca Front) anguish in Armando Iannucci's darkly brilliant political satire. The big difference is that in real life Corbyn is lacking the hyperactively foul-mouthed spin-doctor Malcolm Tucker (Peter Capaldi) to knock his minions into line. In The Thick of It, Tucker verbally batters the minister into submission, giving her a stark choice between sending her kid to the local comprehensive or packing her bags and heading for the back benches. In the finest traditions of Westminster, Nicola Murray puts career before kids. Rule one of politics: never embarrass the party.

AFTER my recent piece on the 770-calorie sandwich, a reader sends me the menu he took from a chippie in Glasgow. The bill of fare begins: "Chips. Chips and cheese. Chips and curry/gravy. Chips, cheese and curry. Deep-fried Mars Bar." In some parts of Glasgow life expectancy is 57. I'm amazed they last that long.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Green challenges discussed by pupils

CHILDREN from two Walsall academies have taken part in a special youth conference to talk about creating a lasting environmental legacy for future generations.

The event at the Chateau Impney hotel, Droitwich asked 54 pupils aged 13 and 14 pupils from Walsall Academy and Grace Academy to feedback on their attitude to the environment. The children had previously taken

part in The Green Pioneers programme, delivered in partnership with The Outward Bound Trust, which saw them learn and develop survival skills.

Launched by The Midcounties Co-operative in partner schools in 2013, the Green Pioneers programme aims to increase sustainability awareness among young people, whilst educating pupils about the

part they can play in protecting the environment.

Rebekah Brain, society engagement adviser for The Midcounties Co-operative, was impressed with the inspiring attitudes of the students, and the example they are continuing to set in their communities.

Jon Clarke, deputy head from Walsall Academy said: "We're proud of our participation in The Green Pioneers Programme, which has played a vital role in helping our pupils to understand the importance of being aware of environmental issues and sustainability."

Jeremy Douglas-Jones from Grace Academy said: "This conference was a great way for students to share their own successes whilst gaining inspiration from the achievements of other pupils."

Views on crime cash spending are sought

By Carl Jackson

RESIDENTS in Walsall and Wilehall are set to decide how money obtained from criminals will be spent.

West Midlands Police along with the force's police and crime commissioner David Jamieson is overhauling how 'Proceeds of Crime Act' (POCA) funding is distributed.

A new Active Citizens Fund is being set up which will be supported by POCA as well as funds obtained from the Police Property Act and the Community Initiatives Fund.

The project is being managed by Walsall Local Policing Unit, Walsall Voluntary Action, Walsall Council and Walsall College.

Sgt Nick Morton from Walsall Police said: "This funding provides a great opportunity for people, who will no doubt have brilliant, pioneering ideas of how to tackle the issues that matter most to their community.

"We want to work in partnership to empower these people to develop and deliver these ideas to help to make our communities a safer place.

"This funding is available for individuals rather than groups or organisations – but they may of course be linked to an organisation as a volunteer or member.

Organised

"There is a real opportunity to inspire their local community, and then if successful, work in partnership to deliver it.

"Community events will be organised in each area and those attending can listen to each problem solving Idea before discussing and making a decision."

Mr Jamieson added: "The Proceeds of Crime Act allows police forces to use money and goods seized from criminals to be used to make local communities safer.

"I am overhauling the current system to make sure that both local people's priorities and my police and crime plan are taken account of when this money is distributed.

"Each local commander, working with local officers will be the eyes and ears of this project, ensuring that projects that will make communities safer are funded.

"Local commanders will be seeking the views of people in their areas and will be holding a series of events over the coming weeks and months to make sure that the public have a say on what they think will make their local communities safer."

Owner hopes to bring landmark Boak



The Boak building, as it was in Station Street, Walsall, before the devastating fire in 2012

ONE of Walsall's most iconic buildings could finally be restored – years after it was ravaged in a devastating blaze.

Listed former leather factory, the Boak Building, in Station Street, was demolished after a fire ripped through the building in July 2012. The landmark site is owned by local businessman Pal Singh who had planned to turn the former factory into dozens of flats before the arson attack.

After the blaze he said he wanted to restore the building and stick to his plan of building the 31 flats, which he had received planning permission for in 2009. But Mr



The site as it looks today

Singh had been engaged in a bitter legal tussle with insurers who refused to pay out for the loss, claiming the building had actually increased in value due to the fire.

Now however three Appeal Court judges have finally handed the Walsall businessman victory and ruled insurers must pay upwards of £2 million towards any reinstatement of the listed building.

Lord Justice Christopher Clarke ruled Great Lakes Reinsurance liable to pay up to £2.1 million towards the reinstatement costs.

The businessman insisted that he had an 'emotional' bond to the building and was determined to see it restored.

The building had been in his family for 33 years and it had been 'a feature of family life' as his children grew up.

Youngsters wait months to have an assessment

DOZENS of children waited longer than four months to be assessed for a wheelchair in the last two years, figures have revealed.

A total of 39 youngsters under 16 had to wait longer than 16 weeks to be assessed by Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust after being referred by the children's wheelchair service between 2014 and last year.

The figures, made up of 13 children in 2015 and 26 in 2014, were revealed following a freedom of information request. The trust dealt with 168 referrals in total between 2014 and 2015, including 87 in 2014 and 81 in 2015.

Thirty of those were dealt with in less than four weeks, with 13 in 2014 and 17 in 2015. Forty-four were handled in four to eight weeks over the two years, 31 in eight to 12 weeks, 24 in 12 to 16 weeks, and 39 in more than 16 weeks.

The trust was also asked how long children had to wait to receive wheelchairs or specialist seating following the assessment but said that information was not recorded electronically. Walsall Council works in partnership with the trust on an Integrated Community Equipment Service to help children and adults who need wheelchairs or something similar.

The service, which has been active since 2004, loans equipment including wheelchair, bath seats, hospital beds, commodes, hoists, walking sticks and trolleys with minor adaptations including grab rails, stair rails, ramps and key safes. The trust was unavailable for comment.

Parking change for town Tesco

DRIVERS will have to spend a minimum of £5 at a Tesco in Walsall, in order to qualify for free parking, after new requirements came into force.

The supermarket giant announced the plans for its Littleton Street store last month.

Tesco has introduced the rule in an attempt to combat rogue town centre visitors parking without buying anything.

Previously, people could park at the Tesco Extra in the centre of Walsall for two hours for free.

Now, people will have to spend £5 and obtain a voucher which they will then have to validate at a parking machine in order to leave without being fined, although it will not apply to anyone staying for less than half an hour.

Punk rockers bring 40th tour to Robin

PUNK Rockers Stiff Little Fingers are bringing their 40th anniversary tour to the Black Country.

Tickets for the concert at the Robin 2 in Bilston are on sale now. The Belfast band, led by Jake Burns, will perform on March 14.

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Poundworld in recruits search

AROUND 30 jobs will be created when a new retailer opens in the Walsall borough. Poundworld has announced it will be opening its first store in Bloxwich later this year.

It will be situated on High Street in the former Store Twenty One unit.

The store is now calling on jobseekers to apply for jobs across all levels as it looks to recruit a local workforce ahead of opening. An opening date has not yet been set.

Chris Bennett, public relations manager at Poundworld, said: "We're excited to be opening our first ever store in Bloxwich, bringing amazing value to local shoppers. However, before we open our doors, we're on the hunt for a passionate, dedicated and hard-working team to join our family."

The 5,200 square foot store forms part of the company's ambitious expansion plan to open 60 new stores this year creating 1,800 jobs in the process. To apply for jobs in Bloxwich go to poundworld.team.careers

Police target 20 illegal motorists

POLICE seized 20 uninsured vehicles as part of a week long crackdown on illegal motorists.

Central Motorways Police Group partnered with The Motor Insurers' Bureau for Operation Drive Insured.

The clampdown was along Bloxwich Road, in Walsall, last Tuesday.

Between 2pm to 8pm, 20 vehicles were seized for no insurance. Three vehicles were seized for no tax.

Each driver who committed an offence has been reported and will appear at court.

They face having six points put on their driving licence and a £300 fixed fine.

Inquest into man aged 37

AN inquest has opened into a man found hanged at his home in Walsall.

James Davies-Shuk, aged 37, was found by his partner at his home address in Birmingham Street, Darlaston, on October 11.

Black Country Coroners Court heard how he had a history of depression and had recently lost his job.

The cause of death given was asphyxia due to hanging.

Senior Coroner Zafar Siddique adjourned the inquest until November 30 at 10.30am.

Car wash business

PLANS have been lodged to open a new car wash business in Willenhall.

Developers want to use a garage area behind Lichfield Road.

If accepted the car park would operate between 8am and 7pm from Monday to Friday, from 8am to 7pm on Saturdays and from 8am until 7pm on Sundays and bank holidays.

Street lighting plan set for go ahead

ALL of Walsall's street lights look set to be replaced with energy efficient LED lamps as part of a multi-million pound plan.

The white lights will replace sodium lamps and are expected to last for about 25 years. Its officers are expected to deliver a final plan to Walsall Council's cabinet for it to be signed off in December.

Chiefs said they were unable to put a figure on the cost of the project, but last year expected the roll-out to cost £14 million.

Deputy leader and regeneration chief, Councillor Lee Jeavons said: "Following a series of successful pilots of installing energy efficient LED technology around the borough, officers were tasked to develop a detailed financial model and plan.

"Consideration will be given to rising energy costs, the opportunity of achieving significant savings and the potential to deliver statutory carbon reduction targets. LED technology also improves safety for highway users and generally helps people to feel safer within their community."

The council hopes a change could save up to £600,000 a year on energy bills. Lights currently used are responsible for about a third of the authority's electricity use.

Trials in Bloxwich, Leamore, Caldmore and Brownhills have cost £750,000 and were launched with the aim of reducing the authority's energy footprint. Over 500 lamps were also replaced in St Matthews, Pleck and Palfrey wards as part of a second trial. Some residents in those areas complained about the lack of light on paths and roads.

But authority bosses previously said if people want their homes lit up, they must do it themselves.

Cost of illuminating Walsall's street lighting shot up from £800,000 in 2009/10 to £1.7 million in 2014/15. Energy-saving lanterns have already been installed in Dudley as part of its council's effort to cut its energy bills.

Of its 32,000 street lights, 21,100 of those can be controlled to save energy and 14,500 from that total can be dimmed. Last year Sandwell Council gave permission to change lamps so they used new LED bulbs in a move they said would save it £240,000 a year on its bills.

Councillors to look at improving Junction 10

A MAJOR transport scheme which should ease congestion and improve safety on a notorious stretch of the M6 in Walsall is likely to get the go-ahead from councillors in December.

The £65 million overhaul should mean motorists enjoy a smoother drive around junction 10 of the motorway, which regularly snarls up at peak times.

Under the initial plans, which remain at the design stage, lanes going over the motorway will increase from two to four with bridges rebuilt. Walsall Council bosses met to talk over progress last month. Preferred options will be released over the next few months. According to the authority's documents, senior councillors will be asked to give their approval for the scheme at the end of this year.

Highways England said planning permission is likely to be submitted by December and if all is approved and runs as hoped that construction should start by April 2019. It should fully reopen to traffic by late 2020.

Congestion

There will also be some modification work to the Black Country Route, the A454. Walsall Council's transport portfolio holder, Councillor Lee Jeavons, said: "Highways England and our highways engineers are working together to reduce congestion along this route by carrying out major improvements to junction 10 of the M6.

"The project will see new, widened bridges being built over the motorway, improvements to the motorway slip roads, installation of intelligent traffic signals, widening and modernisation of the nearby Bloxwich Lane junction and modification to the Black Country Route."

The council and Highways England first held a public consultation in December 2015 to discuss options which could be considered for the junction 10 improvements and the nearby junction of Wolverhampton Road and Bloxwich Lane. Another consultation period is set to take place in January.

Highways England said: "Road capacity problems have been identified as one of the main transport issues facing the Black Country within the West Midlands Local Transport Plan. Highways England is working collaboratively with Walsall Council to deliver the scheme within the current budget and to meet commitments made in our Delivery Plan."

Ghoul-guides around the village



At the Railway pub, from left, Lyn Brookes and local author Annita Bates, with ghost Tash Bates

A DARING duo will once again be taking in the haunted sites of a Walsall village to raise money to help multiple sclerosis sufferers.

Pelsall residents Lynn Brooks and Annita Bates are set to welcome dozens of people on their ghost walk around Pelsall on Friday October 28.

The pair will be travelling around haunted spots such as the notorious Hall Lane, Paradise Lane, the former Bush pub, as

well as houses along the way said to have unwanted visitors.

Among the tales told on the night will be the Pelsall Hall Colliery disaster of 1872 where 22 miners lost their lives.

All money raised will be going towards the Wolverhampton & District M S Therapy Centre.

School worker Ms Bates, aged 41, has MS herself while Ms Brooks, 68, now retired, cares for her son Christopher, aged 47, who

also has the neurological condition.

This will be the fourth time the pair have run the ghost walk having raised in the region of £1,500 for the centre in total with their previous events.

Ms Brooks said: "Last year we had around 70 people and we generally raise about £500 each time." The ghost walk costs £5 and anyone going along can call Ms Brooks on 07941 859772.

Sentences extended for Boxing Day kidnap

THREE men from Walsall who subjected a woman to a 'terrifying ordeal' after she was ambushed and kidnapped on Boxing Day have had their sentences increased.

Michael Wain, Keith Griffiths and Anthony Gunter all had their 'lenient' sentences increased by top London judges just months after they were sentenced for kidnapping and assault.

The victim, Georgina Mansell, from Bloxwich, was beaten, held against her will and threatened with death. Her car was repeatedly rammed, before she was dragged out and taken to a property, where she was assaulted.

Wain, 33 of Parker Street, Bloxwich; Griffiths, 26, of Blakenhall Lane, Walsall, and Gunter, 29, of Newhall Street, Caldmore, all admitted charges of kidnapping and assault occasioning actual bodily harm at Wolverhampton Crown Court back in July. Wain was also sentenced for driving offences and Griffiths for driving offences, unconnected burglary and criminal damage offences.

Wain was sentenced to six years, Griffiths six years and three months and Gunter four-and-a-half years. But three senior judges ruled that the sentences were too lenient, and upped them to nine years for Wain, 10 years and nine months for Griffiths and eight-and-a-half years for Gunter.

Emma Griffin, 31, from Ellis Walk, Cannock, was also sentenced to 27 months for her role in the crime. She pleaded guilty to false imprisonment and assault by beating but also had her sentence upped to three years.

Here is the news – author in town

FORMER news reporter and GMTV presenter, Jackie Kabler, will be visiting a library in Walsall next month to speak about her latest book.

Jackie will visit Streetly Library on November 2 between 11am-12 noon and will see her talk about her second novel, 'The Deadline'. Born in Coventry, Jackie began her career in animal breeding and genetics.

Jackie received her big break when GMTV offered her a job. She spent over nine years with Europe's biggest breakfast show covering major stories like the Kosovo crisis, famine in Ethiopia, and the disappearance of Madeleine McCann.

To book a free place contact Streetly Library on 01922 654864 or visit www.lovelibrarieswalsall.co.uk.

Gas interruption for motorists

GAS works have shut off Moat Street in Willenhall. The gas main renewal scheme, between the junctions of the B4484 Field Street and Cemetery Road, will shut the road off until work is finished on November 11.

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Cloudy2Clear Announce Trusted Trader Partnership

Consumer champions Which? have now joined the thousands of customers who recognise that Cloudy2Clear Windows really are a business that you can TRUST. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has received the coveted 'Which Trusted Trader' status after going through a rigorous accreditation process entirely focussed on customer service.

Group Managing Director Marcus McGee believes that Which? have endorsed Cloudy2Clear's long standing company policy of delivering the highest standards possible at all times. 'Our service is simple. If your double glazing has misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 5 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although that obviously helps. Whilst a number of tradespeople

perhaps don't focus on customer care as much as they should do, we make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Smile? No Lily you make me grimace!

MIGHT I take this opportunity to apologise, on behalf of my country, for Lily Allen. I would like to say sorry for what she has put millions of people through, for the pompous, self-indulgent navel-gazing in Calais, and thinking that a few hit records gives her the right to speak for the rest of us. But most of all for that ghastly, irritating, Smile song.

THE question mark about the age of some of the supposed child refugees at Calais reminds me of a rather embarrassing incident at a non-league football ground when I was in my late 20s. Keen not to miss the start of the game, I split up with my friends and headed for the turnstile with the shortest queue, where I was greeted by a decidedly off-hand match official. "Four pounds, sir," he said with a curled lip, struggling to contain his contempt. On meeting up with my group inside the ground, I observed what good value the tickets were. At which point it was pointed out that I had just gone through the gate for children and pensioners.

THE past quarter of a century has not been a vintage period for American presidents. Barack Obama's eight years in the White House have been largely forgettable. Bill Clinton's remembered only for a sex scandal, and George W Bush's tenure is, well, probably best forgotten altogether. But the latest two contenders take it to a whole new level. In a country with a population of 320 million, could they really not have come up with better than this pair? A boorish billionaire against the bolshie wife of an unloved former president. It's the American equivalent of putting up Mike Ashley against Cherie Blair. In any normal circumstances, putting forward either Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump as your candidate would guarantee victory to the other side. But here they both are, with very little to say about actual policy, trading insults in some ghastly race to the bottom. If I were an American, I wouldn't vote for either of them. A polite abstention would surely be the best response. Something we would do well to remember next time somebody suggests making voting compulsory in this country.

GLASS half full, or half empty? On the one hand, Dudley has the fifth worst town centre of its size in the country for empty shops, with more than 20 per cent. There is also no major department store, and while the much-vaunted light rail centre has finally been given the go-ahead, it will no longer link up with the national rail network, meaning it will continue to be the largest town in the country with no train link. Still, on the positive side, it has been shortlisted for a prestigious international competition for urban lighting...



Council funding for the New Art Gallery may be scrapped



Walsall Central Library may become a hub as 15 could close



Walsall Leather Museum's relocation is being considered

Council sets out its stall to save £86m

JACK AVERTY looks at the proposed cuts which Walsall Council says it may need to make over the next four years

WALSALL families could have to pay for garden waste collection, shell out more for parking and see the leather museum moved as the council battles to save £86 million. Local authority bosses have now put out more than 80 proposals for public consultation, including plans to increase market fees but stop cleaning them, and scrapping grass-cutting in some areas such as Delves Common. A comprehensive list of cost-cutting ideas to save the council millions of pounds over four years also includes funding for adult weight management programmes being axed and plans to shut 15 libraries and scrap council funding to the New Art Gallery. This is the first time a comprehensive list of saving ideas has been released and they were due to be discussed by the cabinet last night, Wednesday.

Permits

For garden waste collection, the council plans to charge £30 per year, as well as a one-off charge of £18 for a new wheeled bin. It is hoped this will provide the authority with £300,000 in the 2018/19 financial year. Bosses also want green waste collection to stop on September 30 each year rather than October 30 – to save £30,000. Parking permits could go up by £1 per month, with off-street parking charges rising by 10p per band. If these two proposals go through then the council will generate an extra £21,000 in one year. The relocation of Walsall Leather Museum and History Centre to the Central Library in Lichfield Street will save an estimated £360,000 over two years. One of the biggest single savings will come



From left, finance chief James Walsh, councillors Lee Jeavons, Sean Coughlan, and Ian Shires

from the proposed closure of 15 libraries, leaving just Walsall Central Library as a hub, with an estimated £2.9m of savings to come just from 2017/18. Other reductions will come from the budget for children's services and adult social care. A saving of more than £2.2m has been earmarked through the reduction of the number of looked after children and their associated costs. Speaking about the proposals going to public consultation, Lee Jeavons, deputy council leader, said: "Last week Walsall Council announced the need for the council to make savings of £86m over the next four years, and yesterday we published the budget options that start us on that journey. "The budget options will form the basis of our conversation, with service users, residents, partners and businesses across the borough. "Firstly, let me stress there has been no pre-determination on where the cuts may finally fall – as we seek to find the savings required there will be choices, many of them tough and none of them easy. "Yes, there are those who would suggest another way would be to simply raise council tax to bridge the funding gap, but as we know residents wouldn't stomach or afford council tax rises of 30 per cent – and those are the

sort of figures it would take. We have no choice whether to take on this daunting task or not. Having looked at the figures and considered what has to be achieved we realise that this 'nettle has finally to be grasped'. "No matter how unpleasant and challenging it may be, as the newly elected coalition administration we are now responsible for delivering the massive savings Walsall Council has to make. No matter how painful these decisions are to make, they have to be made. "Undoubtedly, there will be many hurdles to overcome in arriving at the savings that need to be made. There will be critics, not everyone will be either supportive or even sympathetic, but the facts are unavoidable. "This is why we are committed to engage directly with the users of our services to better understand what they need and to work diligently alongside them, and through these conversations turn as many negatives into positives as we can. "Despite the inevitability that as a council we will be able to do less, our sights throughout this journey will remain on delivering excellence in what we do. Delivering less should not be confused with poor quality – quite the opposite." Councillor Ian Shires, leader of the Liberal Democrats who run the authority in a coalition with the Labour group, added: "It's undeniable, public services are shrinking, since starting our 'cost reduction' journey in 2010, austerity measures have already reduced what the council can deliver by over 30 per cent. We strongly believe the more involved people are in shaping our services – by having a meaningful conversation with them, the more likely they will support and accept the changes to services that have to be made." Under the plans council cricket pitches and bowling greens, such as those at Leamore Park and Palfrey Park, could be scrapped. The proposals have been criticised by Darlaston Councillor Doug James. He said: "We need to help people who have been left behind across Walsall. We need positive solutions. "A legal balanced Budget is a fair and reasonable requirement but so many families are struggling."



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Caldmore cursed with eyesores

WHY are there still so many buildings, shops and a pub lying empty and abandoned for from four to 10 years in Caldmore?

I have complained to Walsall Council, St Mathews Councillors, Walsall South area panel and area manager about many buildings, shops, the pub that have been left abandoned and saying something needs to be done about them.

Have the owners of these buildings been contacted by Walsall Council and asked what plans they have? Can the Council use 'Compulsory Purchase Orders' on them, so

they can brought back in some way? Can they be converted into flats, properties to provide accommodation for the homeless, single persons, couples or families? Or be used in some other way, rather than be left abandoned, empty and eyesore in the area?

Let's hope the council, and representatives will work together to address this ongoing problem, as it is attracting anti-social behaviour instead of the buildings being put to good use.

ARJUN CHAND
Community Volunteer

Pointing out my mistake

IF anyone was going to detect my mistake, it had to be comrade Harrison of Walsall (Letters, October 5).

Yes, I hold my hands up, he was correct, it should have read 0.7 per cent instead of seven per cent GDP for the foreign aid, but my letter was already in the hands of the Royal Mail before I realised my decimal point error.

I noticed he mentioned Corbyn's parents elected for the grammar school system for his education when they had a choice between secondary modern or grammar school, choice being the operative word, which was the crux of my argument.

So having been chastised by a left wing intellect, who I presume has never made an oversight in his whole life, I therefore must learn to check all my facts and figures more thoroughly!

MR G SIMPSON
Darlaston

Long-term damage for young

AT last, at last, it is being admitted that the education has been 23 per cent lower in Walsall, than the national average of 88 per cent.

Walsall councillors should be hanging their heads in shame.

There are signs of recent improvements, but that can be no comfort to all the thousands of our youngsters, having gone through their education years being treated so badly.

Even at the present rate of progress, it is going to take many years for the effects upon the economics of the borough, to even begin to change for the better.

The lacking in basic communication skills now endemic, from the educational failures now residual in our community, will be there for decades.

There is some good news though - Walsall Social Services are taking part in a survey aimed at improving the support given to carers.

Perhaps Walsall Council will start to be concerned about the state of the roads and the behaviour of Walsall Housing Group, with its attitude towards its tenants.

Walsall Council hold a number of seats on WHG's board of directors. Are they all sleeping?

RAY HAMMOND
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Will of the people, over council taxes

I PREDICT now that Labour will shift the responsibility of huge council tax increases or huge cuts to services, from themselves to their constituents via a borough referendum on May 4, 2017.

I believe that their plan is to cover their own backs by calling a referendum on a proposal to increase council taxes beyond 3.99 per cent and probably nearer to eight per cent. If the people reject a high council tax rise in a referendum, leaders will take this as public support for massive cuts and closures of council services, thus salvaging their consciences somewhat.

Council leaders will convince themselves that this is a win-win situation for them politically.

If they get support for a huge council tax rise, then they have more money to play with and slightly less cuts to make.

If they lose the referendum, then they can make massive cuts and say that

this was 'the will of the people'. I believe that the referendum tactic will be even more attractive to the council leaders given that there are no local council elections until May 2018!

The losers will be the thousands of council tax payers who will face much higher council tax bills and the thousands of local service users who will face cuts to and closures of services as well as further increases in service charges.

I urge the council leaders NOT to call a referendum on a proposal for a huge increase in council tax bills.

If they do not have the courage to fight these Tory Government cuts to their grants, in a concerted and collaborative way with Labour Councils elsewhere, then equally they should not show the cowardice of shielding behind a referendum as an excuse for huge cuts or much bigger council tax bills.

PETE SMITH
Former Councillor

Green spaces remain safe

WE wish to make it absolutely clear, despite rumours circulating to the contrary, that there will be no building on the green spaces here in Blakenall which includes the field known as Swannies and the open space adjacent known as the Lea.

There is activity there due to the imminent installation of playing pitches, a five-a-side area, picnic area, a trim trail and a children's playground.

This improvement is thanks to money generated by new developments.

We look forward to this positive improvement in addition to the other regeneration plans to build this new community here in Goscote.

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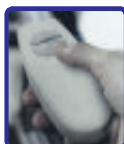
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Campaigners hit out after graves walked on

WALSALL Council is looking into a complaint lodged by mourners at the centre of a row over grave maintenance after a worker was seen walking over graves.

Mehboob Matloob, who has led a long-running protest from Walsall's Muslim community against the council after mourners were given 28 days to remove edgings and flowerbeds from graves at Streetly Crematorium and Cemetery, has asked for the incident, which has been caught on video, to be looked into.

He claims that is 'against our belief and religion to walk over a grave and is haram in Islam'.

The video has been viewed more than 3,000 times on Facebook and Mr Matloob says he hopes it will 'silence all those who claimed we were going over the top in asking the council for grave edgings'.

National

So far, a 500-strong protest outside Walsall town hall has been held calling on the council to allow edgings to be put around graves, complemented by a 2,000-name petition.

Mr Matloob claims that unless action is taken soon, a national protest will take place in Walsall. He said: "This is why the community has been fighting for edgings around graves, so that nobody steps on them. I hope the video will silence all those who claimed that people were going over the top in asking the council for grave edgings."

"Please respect the family and the loved one which left this world along with our religious belief. We would like this fully investigated and answers as to why this has happened. I believe that common sense will prevail and this problem will be resolved but at the moment, an apology won't cut it. We will get what we want and if not, then we will continue to protest."

"We are getting a lot of support from across the country and will invite those people down to our next protest if needed."

Hide! It's Dr Jekyll at Rep



An experiment in terror – Oldbury Rep's Garry Cooper as Dr Henry Jekyll and Shady Murphy as Eleanor O'Donnell

OLDBURY Rep continues its season with a gothic tale for cold November nights – The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde.

The production is a new adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's sinister study of schizophrenia by Nick Lane.

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and something goes very wrong. Or very right! The production runs from Saturday November 5 until Saturday 12, with all performances starting at 7.30pm.

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Hundreds turn out for a Wolves legend



The funeral of former Wolves manager Graham Hawkins at Bushbury Crematorium in Wolverhampton

HUNDREDS of mourners turned out to pay their respects to former Wolves manager and player, Darlaston-born Graham Hawkins. Club legends were joined by supporters in remembering Mr Hawkins at his funeral which was held at Bushbury Crematorium.

He died, aged 70, last month and is best remembered for managing the side in the early 1980s. He led the team to promotion in 1983 and was also promoted with Wolves as a player in 1967.

Mr Hawkins was a boyhood supporter of Wolves and is one of the few people in football to play, manage and scout for his local club.

He also served as assistant manager at Shrewsbury Town and had a spell coaching in Bahrain.

Mr Hawkins died following a battle with non-Hodgkin Lymphoma. He had fought the illness tirelessly since being diagnosed in 2009, raising money for fellow cancer patients at Shrewsbury's Royal Hospital.

Wolves legends John Richards, Mel Eves and Graham Turner were among the large crowd attending the service. There was standing room only inside the chapel as mourners poured inside to pay their respects.

Homes plan to see 400 dwellings near centre

MORE than 400 homes could be built on a site in Walsall, two miles away from the town centre.

Plans for 426 new dwellings in Goscote Lane in Blakenall, have been submitted to planning bosses at Walsall Council. The new homes would include 312 private sale properties.

There would also be 74 for affordable general needs and 40 for affordable older persons accommodation. These would include apartments, bungalows and houses.

The development is part of the wider Goscote Lane Corridor Regeneration scheme - a plan to regenerate some 630 acres of land within the Blakenall and Bloxwich East wards.

The aim of the initiative is to regenerate the wider area with new, high quality housing and attractive, usable open spaces.

Walsall Housing Group is behind this latest scheme.

Labour Councillor Ian Robertson, who represents the Blakenall ward and is also the council's health boss, admitted the plans were positive for the area.

He said: "We very much

By Jack Avery

welcome the regeneration of Goscote Lane of which these homes will form a large part.

"We also look forward to working with local people to make this development a success. It follows on from the development at the former Poets Estate which has gone well with most of the homes being sold."

The exact location of the site covers Goscote Lodge Crescent, Middle Crescent, Hildicks Crescent and Hildicks Place.

A report from bosses at WHG states: "The site's geographical location and proximity to Walsall town centre make it highly accessible with convenient public transport options."

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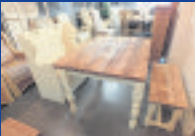
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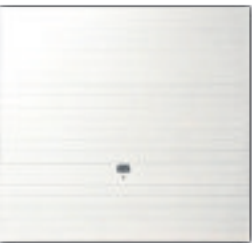


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Ghoul-den opportunity for make-up students

HAIR and media make-up students at Walsall College will be using their skills to create frightening faces at this year's Dudley Canal and Tunnel Trust's special Halloween Boat Trips.

The course, which launched in September, focuses on refining students' artistic skills in make-up and body art by learning how to create a range of special effects used by make-up artists working in the media industry.

Level two and three students have been perfecting their Halloween looks as parts of an assessed unit on their college course.

Hair and media make-up student, Talia Winton, 16, said: "It's only been a few weeks but I'm really enjoying the course and have learnt so much."

"Gaining work experience at the canal will be a big challenge but one I'm really excited about."

Assist

The students will also be providing makeovers for the college's Travel and Tourism students, who will be helping to assist the trust with the event.

Work experience co-ordinator at Walsall College, Jaswant Sembhi, said: "We are delighted to be teaming up with Dudley Canal and Tunnel Trust for the second year running on these events. They help to provide students with real and valuable work opportunities from which they can develop their skills. Both make-up and travel students really enjoyed the experience last year."

Visitors embarking on the 45-minute boat trips will travel through the underground caverns and experience plenty of special effects, creepy stories, scary surprises and a glow-in-the-dark

Adding the finishing touches

Jade Stringer's ghoulish new look

Frankie Ridgeway and her 'injuries'

puppet show. The trips have been described by the Trust as spooky but not scary and are therefore suitable for children over three years old.

Rebecca Cooper-Sayer, volunteer co-ordinator at Dudley Canal and Tunnel Trust, said: "We're very excited about working in partnership

Catherine Renkevic gets made up

with Walsall College and its talented students for our special Halloween events. They will be integral in helping us to ensure our guests have a unique and true Halloween experience."

The Halloween boat trips are on October 28-31 with tickets starting from £7.80.

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Asylum plan to goes to cabinet

SENIOR Walsall councillors have been asked to approve plans that will see up to 15 unaccompanied asylum seeking children settle in the town over three years.

The authority's children's social care department, led by Councillor Rose Burrey, has recommended the council takes in a child every two to three months from April 2017 as part of the National Transfer Scheme, at a potential cost of £1.37 million.

The scheme was set up in July to ensure children claiming asylum around the UK are distributed fairly amongst local authorities.

According to council documents, these children are typically boys between 16 and 18 who are from Afghanistan, Syria and Eritrea. They will mostly be taken from the migrant camp in Calais.

Last week the first arrival from France was presented at the Home Office in Croydon ahead of being settled with a family in the UK. Walsall Council's cabinet was asked to approve the proposal at a meeting yesterday, Wednesday.

Phone lines are cut for estate as fasteners company raided

BUSINESSES have had their premises trashed and lost days of trade after phone lines were sabotaged on a Wednesbury industrial estate.

Manufacturing company Clevedon Fasteners, based on Old Park Industrial Estate, was raided after phone lines were cut, while other firms have lost days of trade with no access to phones or the internet.

Raiders at Clevedon Fasteners stole a set of van keys and trashed an office, with West Midlands Police appealing for information.

Neil Webster, the operations manager at the manufacturing company, said the businesses had been experiencing faults with the telephone but did not 'expect anything like this'.

He said: "They cut the main telegraph line and then raided us. It's the first time we have

By Clare Butler

come across it as we have only been here five weeks. We had been experiencing faults with the line but we didn't expect anything like this.

"I got a phone call in the evening off our security company who alerted us to what had happened. It left us without internet and telephone too. They ransacked my desk and found the key to the van but the odd thing was nothing was stolen.

"They ripped the dashboard off the transit van and police think they were after the tracking system. It is concerning when we've only just moved here." Another company affected by the phone lines being cut was BSJ Fixings, which has been on the estate since 1999.

Pally Sagoo, a director at the firm, revealed it was not the first time businesses on the estate

had suffered, suggesting that phone lines were cut with a hacksaw. He said: "This has happened before and they come and cut the phone lines which disconnects our internet and other appliances. We feel it must be the same sort of people because they know which wires to cut and how the system works.

"They cut them on the ground with a hacksaw and then it leaves the businesses without phones or internet all day. It just seems like nothing can be done and it's absolutely frustrating."

A West Midlands Police spokesperson said: "Police responded to reports of a break-in at a factory in Sandwell.

"Clevedon Fasteners Ltd on Old Park Road in Wednesbury was broken into. Four men forced entry to the building and stole a set of van keys; the van itself was not stolen. A fire door was damaged during the incident."

Plea for action on travellers

CALLS have been made to expand Walsall Council's travellers injunction to other parts of the borough. The authority is just one of three across the country to be granted a court injunction giving them greater powers to remove travellers.

Their new powers came into force after a group of travellers pitched up 14 tents on Delves Green Common but were moved on within 24 hours.

But the injunction only covers 12 sites, including Broadway West Playing Fields on Wallows Lane and land at Goscote Lodge Crescent, none of which are in Darlaston. Now Councillor Doug James has called for town sites to be included.

He wants to see land at Great Bridge Road, Kings Hall and George Rose Park protected. He said: "Over the years Darlaston has been plagued by a high number of illegal traveller incursions. The anti-social behaviour, vandalism and litter has added to ongoing costs met by Walsall Council, in responding to this ongoing problem."

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BBC newsreader Huw Edwards presented the trophy. With the responsibility for over 500 miles of roads, the partnership was praised by the judging panel for having achieved over £2 million of savings since 2009 through implementing efficient techniques and introducing modern technologies.

Successful collaborative initiatives have included developing a 'right-first-time' one-visit pothole maintenance process, which reduced repair failures from 84 per cent to zero.

Paul Fleetham, managing director of Tarmac's Contracting business, said: "Having worked in partnership with Walsall Council since 2009, we are delighted to receive this award which demonstrates the strength of our longstanding relationship."

"We are proud to have been able to

deliver real innovation and improvements to the borough's roads, made possible by dedication and collaboration."

Deputy Leader of Walsall Council, Councillor Lee Jeavons said: "We all know how important good roads are, both for safety and for supporting the local economy. In what are very challenging financial times it is important that we use taxpayers' money wisely and make sure the services we provide are as efficient as possible."

Fire crews tackle blaze at house in suspected arson

ARSONISTS struck at a Walsall house, leaving 30 firefighters to tackle the blaze.

A police investigation is now under way following the fire, which was started during the early hours of last Tuesday at the property on Broadway North.

The blaze started in the roof of the newly-refurbished detached house forcing crews to call in an aerial platform to fight the flames from above.

A spokesperson for West Midlands Police said: "We were called by the fire service to reports of a fire at a house on Broadway North in Walsall at 1.10am on October 18. It is suspected arson and a police investigation has been launched."

Crews from Bloxwich and Walsall fire stations were initially called to the scene and later joined later by teams from Wednesbury, West Bromwich and Sutton Coldfield.

Twelve firefighters had to wear breathing apparatus to get close enough to quell the flames. Neighbours were woken up as fire engines started to fill the street.

Mohammad Taeyab said: "I was sleeping at the time and then we heard all fire engines in the street. My mom and dad told me that the next door house is burning down with flames through the roof. We came out to see if everyone was okay, but there was no-one in next door anyway as they've been away whilst they've been having the renovation done."

"We were scared as you'd imagine, my mom was petrified as the tiles were falling down on our side passage - so you could hear this loud banging. There was also a chance it could catch on the house, but the fire service were great, they got it under control. "This is the second time this has happened - the fire service came out two weeks ago when there was a fire in the house then after someone broke in."

Lane shuts as sewage targeted

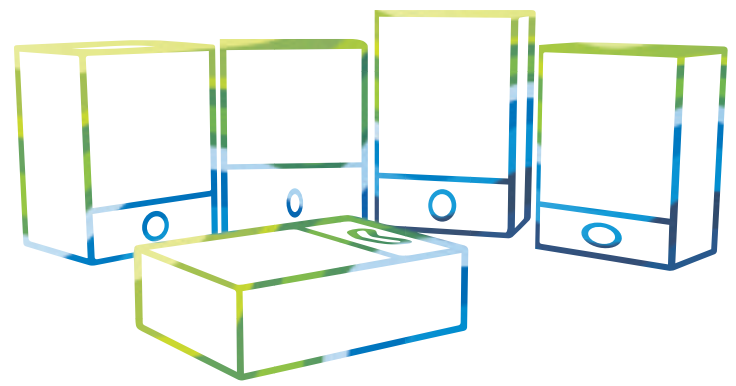
A BUSY country lane in Walsall Wood will remain closed for the foreseeable future while remedial work addressing leaking sewage continues.

The stretch of Green Lane between Oakwood Close and Mob Lane was initially shut after a pipe burst near to Stubbers Green nature reserve.

It was due to be reopened, but Severn Trent Water has now confirmed it will be closed for some time without committing to a date for the works to be finished at this stage.

Spokeswoman Ria Gaffney said: "Our work in Walsall Wood is continuing to make good, steady progress. This work is very complicated and vital to help get everything back to normal, so, for everyone's safety we're having to continue with the road closure on Green Lane to allow us to work together with Natural England and The Environment Agency in completing this work."

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Ladies, look out for the high-light transeasonal Seafarer line from popular label Country Rose. Inspired by on-trend nauticals and perfect for an off-duty look, this is the first of three exciting collections for autumn/winter.

And don't miss the new menswear offering from One Valley, with stylish casualwear in a warm palette of navy and berry tones.

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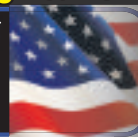


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Simon Patel's amazing Star Wars Death Star themed pumpkin



One of the artist's 3D efforts which were carved specifically for a commission in London



The sculptor has even made figures for some of his pumpkin faces



Another comical spooky face

It's pumpkin power!

IT started as hobby to get his son excited for Halloween but 10 years on Walsall spooky sculptor Simon Patel has turned pumpkin carving into an art form.

The 40-year-old father-of-two from Primley Avenue, Walsall is well and truly back in the 'spirit' this year and is expecting to make dozens of detailed models with London celebrity 'haunts' Mahiki bar and Bodo's Schloss among his growing list of clients.

Once October 1 swings round the house hus-

band wastes little time breaking out his carving tools and has already made 16 pumpkins for a staging company based in the capital.

Ironically having started out his craft for his nine-year-old son Dylan's first Halloween, now Mr Patel does not have any time to make any for his own home such is the demand for his work.

He said: "Now I get requests from all over the place. I am taking some down to London right now. I will probably make 30 to 40 this year. Once October comes round I get started. My kids start asking 'Dad can you make me a pumpkin'."

"I used to do them for the house but now I get so many people asking me for them I don't really get the time.

"I am going to try and get some out on the garden again this year though."

Remarkably Mr Patel originally made a name for himself using rudimentary spoons until he decided to take things a bit more seriously a couple of years ago by purchasing a German-manufactured set specifically for carving pumpkins which is sold in America setting him back around £150.

Although with some of his pumpkins shifting for around £75 each it has proved to be a worthwhile investment.

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Simon seen among the pumpkins



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MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

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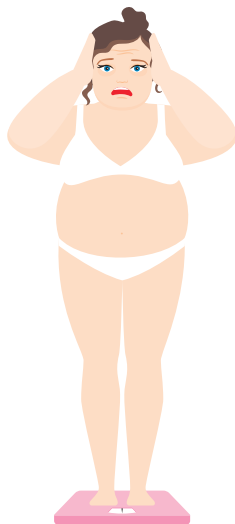
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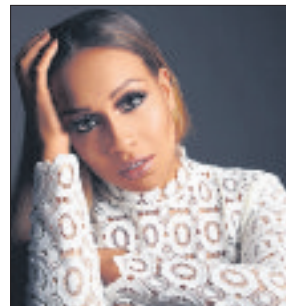
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Time to switch on the Telemen



Telemen get to the point – the London band bring their Brilliant Sanity album to the Slade Rooms in Wolverhampton

LONDON indie rock band Telemen, recently seen on Later With Jools Holland, are in concert at Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms on Wednesday (November 2).

The quartet's second album, Brilliant Sanity, was well received earlier this year. It saw the group, which includes former members of noughties outfit Pete And The Pirates, hone their angular blend of catchy pop tunes with moody undercurrents.

Comparisons could include Franz Ferdinand and Arcade Fire.

It will be interesting to see frontman Tommy Sanders and co translate album highlights like Tangerine, Düsseldorf and Glory Hallelujah into rock anthems for the live environment.

Telemen release the single English Architecture in December. For tickets see boxoffice@wolvescivic.co.uk or call 0870 320 7000.

Other key gigs include former

Keane singer Tom Chaplin's sold out Glee Club set on Sunday, the same night US band The Lumineers bring their Cleopatra World Tour to Birmingham O2 Academy.

Bear's Den have sold out the O2 Institute on Wednesday, the same night Gabrielle plays Birmingham Town Hall and Rebecca Ferguson is at Symphony Hall. Liverpool psych rock masters Echo & the Bunnymen play the Wulfrun Hall on November 3.



Jack's love letter to wife

SINGER-SONGWRITER Jack Savoretti releases his new album, Sleep No More, tomorrow (Friday) and is in concert at Birmingham's O2 Institute next Thursday (November 3) as part of his UK tour.

Sleep No More is the follow-up to his hugely successful breakthrough album Written In Scars.

The new album's opener and first single is When We Were Lovers, it sets the tone for a set of 12 songs that Jack describes as a "love letter to my wife".

"The whole point of this album is that it's about the stuff that keeps you up at night," Jack explains.

Sleep No More is an album about the very real struggles of holding on to love against the odds.

"It's the first album I've written as an adult... as somebody trying to be an adult at least!" laughs the 33-year-old Londoner.

Capture

Each song is a showcase for his soulful but rough at the edges vocals, from the honest warmth of I'm Yours, via the anthemic We Are Bound to the joy of Any Other Way.

Savoretti set himself a rule that each song would be written, recorded and completed from scratch in one single day.

"I wanted to capture how you sing a song for the first time," he recalls. "It's really hard to replicate, you can never beat that performance. It might not be pitch perfect but there will be something in it that connects."

"I'm not a perfectionist. On the contrary, I'm like 'No, that's great! Let's go with this!'"

Rep stage is set for Rivers of Blood play

A LINK between a former Express & Star editor and Enoch Powell's Rivers of Blood speech is explored in a major new play which receives its world premiere at Birmingham Rep.

Clem Jones was editor of the newspaper in 1968 when the MP for Wolverhampton South West made his controversial speech that unleashed a political storm.

The story is told by Clem Jones' son, former BBC political correspondent Nicholas Jones, in his book Sultans of Spin which has informed the play, What Shadows by Chris Hannan. It is staged from October 27 to November 12 with acclaimed actor Ian McDiarmid as Powell.

Discover famous Mousetrap twist

THE touring production of Agatha Christie's murder mystery with a twist, The Mousetrap, will begin the final leg of its UK tour at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Monday, October 31, to Saturday, November 5.

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Comedians line up for lots of laughs

BRITAIN'S best known 'Pub Landlord', Al Murray will have a full house for his Let's Go Backward Together show at Birmingham Rep on Sunday. But there may be some tickets left to see his Wolverhampton Civic Hall show on November 5.

Comedy highlights at Birmingham Town Hall include sardonic host of Radio 4's The News Quiz, Miles Jupp, on Saturday and ventriloquist Nina Conti on Sunday.

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Strictly Come Dancing (BBC1, 6.45pm)

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Live International Rugby League. England v New Zealand (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** Celebrity Mastermind. (R) **5.40** BBC News. **5.50** Regional Programme.

6.00 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present a star-studded version of the general knowledge quiz.

6.45 Strictly Come Dancing. With Halloween just two days away, Strictly presents its annual fright-night spectacular, in which the 10 remaining dancing couples perform their spookiest routines, hoping to win the approval of the judges and the viewers at home. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present all the fun, while the fearsome foursome of Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcy Bussell decide who was frightfully good and who was awfully bad. Plus, there will be another showstopping group routine from the professionals to kick-off proceedings.

8.20 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. The first couple to win two rounds get to play for £50,000 and each time the champions defeat a new set of opponents their winnings mount up. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws, presented by Gabby Roslin.

9.10 Casualty. Dylan is distraught when Dervla goes missing – although it soon turns out new F1 Sebastian knows something about the dog's disappearance.

10.00 BBC News: Weather.

10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches.

11.45 Asian Provocateur: Mum's American Dream. Ramesh Ranganathan meets some of the members of his extended family beyond Britain's shores.

12.15 Film: Halloween: Resurrection. (2002) **1.40** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.45** BBC News.

BBC2

6.35 Film: They Knew What They Wanted. (1940) **8.00 Film:** Mr and Mrs Smith. (1941) **9.30** Coast. (R) **10.00** Secret Britain. (R) **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** Great British Menu. (R) **2.00 Film:** Vertigo. (1958) Hitchcock thriller, starring James Stewart. **4.05** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice. (R) **4.35** Flog It! **5.30 Film:** National Treasure. (2004) Action adventure, starring Nicolas Cage.

7.30 A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army. Classic comedy with the Home Guard during the Second World War, starring Arthur Lowe, John Le Mesurier, Ian Lavender and Clive Dunn. (R)

9.00 Artsnight: 2016 – The Year of King Lear. A look at how Shakespeare's play resonates with contemporary audiences and why it is regarded as one of the playwright's greatest accomplishments. The programme examines five major productions being staged across the UK during 2016, and features contributions from actors Diana Rigg, Timothy West and Antony Sher, and director Nicholas Hytner.

9.30 Imagine: The Seven Killings of Marlon James. Alan Yentob meets the award-winning author, who became the first Jamaican writer to win the Man Booker prize in 2015 for his third novel A Brief History of Seven Killings, which spans several decades and explores the attempted assassination of Bob Marley in Jamaica in 1976 and its aftermath. Following the release of the book, James came out as gay in an article for the New York Times, and Alan accompanies him on a return trip to his home country, investigating how his novels provide an insight into the nation's history.

10.30 Film: The Harder They Come. (1973) Jimmy Cliff stars in this poignant Jamaican drama about a country boy who visits Kingston in search of stardom, only to get involved in drug dealing as his musical career takes off.

12.10 Andrew Marr's Great Scots: The Writers Who Shaped a Nation. (R) **1.10 Film:** Witlessfinder General. (1968) **1.35 Film:** (GMT) The Curse of Frankenstein. (1957) **2.55** This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Sooty. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Super 4. (R) **7.15** Oddbods. (R) **7.25** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.30** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Looped. **8.30** Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** Wild Australia with Ray Meers. (R) **11.50** Judge Rinder. (R) **12.50** ITV News: Weather. **1.00** Cash Trapped. (R) **2.00** Puppy Secrets: The First Six Months. (R) **3.00** Big Star's Little Star. (R) **4.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. **4.30** Ninja Warrior UK. (R) **5.30** Regional Programme; Weather. **5.45** ITV News: Weather.

6.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. Ben Shephard presents a celebrity edition of the quiz, in which contestants Freddie Flintoff, Tim Vine and Angellica Bell answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine.

7.00 Meet the Parents. Dating show, hosted by Holly Willoughby, which puts the love lives of singletons in the hands of the people they know best – their mum and dad.

8.00 The X Factor. The battle for a music career continues as the budding pop stars take to the stage once more in the fourth live studio round – and by now, they should be getting quite comfortable with being in the X Factor spotlight. Expect the usual confrontations and bickering as judges and mentors Simon Cowell, Nicole Scherzinger, Sharon Osbourne and Louis Walsh fiercely defend their remaining contestants and critique the others – although whether any glasses of water will be thrown remains to be seen. Dermot O'Leary keeps the peace. The results are tomorrow at 8pm.

9.50 The Jonathan Ross Show. The host is joined by Shawn Mendes, Nicole Scherzinger, Gino D'Acampo and Stephen Merchant.

10.55 ITV News: Weather.

11.15 Film: Carry On Cowboy. (1966) Comedy Western, starring Jim Dale and Sid James.

1.00 Jackpot247. **3.00** (GMT) Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 Gillette World Sport. **6.40** Manchester Half Marathon. **7.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. **10.50** The Simpsons. (R) **11.15** The Simpsons. (R) **11.45** The Simpsons. (R) **12.10** Sarah Beeny's Four Rooms. **1.10** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Ascot and Wetherby. **3.55** Formula 1 Mexican Grand Prix Practice 3 Live. Coverage of the third practice session ahead of the 19th round. **5.30** Channel 4 News.

6.00 Formula 1: Mexican Grand Prix Qualifying Live. Steve Jones presents coverage of the battle for pole position (Start-time 7.00pm), and the 19th round of the season continues at Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez in Mexico City.

9.00 How to Build a Human. Documentary exploring the latest developments in artificial intelligence. Gemma Chan, who plays android Mia in sci-fi drama Humans, meets experts in robotics and computer programming from around the world, and visits a project attempting to create a computer more powerful than the human brain. Gemma participates in an experiment to create a robotic version of herself, which is then tested for its ability to produce convincing human responses.

10.08 8 out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's variations of the words and numbers quiz, with Sean Lock and Danny Dyer taking on Joe Wilkinson and Gabby Logan.

11.00 Michael Moore in Trumpland. Documentary filmed over two nights earlier this month in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, capturing a live stage performance by the Oscar-winning film-maker in a Republican stronghold.

12.05 Film: The American. (2010) Thriller, starring George Clooney. **1.55** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Mac learns Neeta is pursuing legal action against him. (R) **3.00** (R) Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free. (R) **3.20** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. Helping homeowners in West Sussex and Surrey. (R) **4.15** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.10** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.35** Film: Mosquito Squadron. (1969) **12.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.15** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.15** Can't I Pay? We'll Take It Away: Busted. (R) **3.15** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away: (R) **4.15** Can't Pay Special: Secrets and Lies. (R) **5.15** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

6.15 NCIS. Inquiries into the death of a marine land the team squarely in the middle of an inner-city gang war – and a message found at the scene of the crime seemingly implicates Gibbs. Forced to confront a secret from his past, he calls his mentor Mike Franks for help. Drama, guest starring Muse Watson and Kari Coleman, with Mark Harmon. (R)

7.05 NCIS. One of Tony's old murder investigations is reopened and, in an attempt to find the perpetrator, he decides to switch roles with Gibbs, leading the team in an inquiry that links the case to an embezzlement scheme. American drama, starring Mark Harmon, David McCallum, Sasha Alexander, Michael Weatherly and Pauley Perrette. (R)

8.00 NCIS: New Orleans. Brody thinks that a sailor hit by a party bus in the French Quarter is connected to her sister's death when similarities between the two emerge, and the team prepare for the St Patrick's Day festivities.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games, including Derby County v Sheffield Wednesday at iPro Stadium, Fulham v Huddersfield Town at Craven Cottage, and Blackburn Rovers v Wolverhampton Wanderers at Ewood Park.

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce all the goals from the games in Leagues One and Two, including Walsall v Coventry City, and Barnet v Hartlepool United.

10.25 Film: Step Brothers. (2008) Two 40-year-old men who have never left the family home are forced to share a room when their single parents marry each other. Comedy, starring Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly.

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** (GMT) Now That's Funny! (R)

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BBC Four

7.00 Sailors, Ships and Stevedores: The Story of British Docks **8.00** The Incredible Human Journey **9.00** The Code **11.00** The Kate Bush Story: Running Up That Hill **12.00** Kate Bush at the BBC **1.00** Top of the Pops: 1982 **1.15** (GMT) The Kate Bush Story: Running Up That Hill **2.15** Close

ITV2

11.05 Catchphrase **11.45** You've Been Framed! **12.45** Film: Dragonheart (1996) **1.45** FYI Daily **1.50** Film: Dragonheart (1996) **2.50** Film: Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) **3.50** FYI Daily **3.55** Film: Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) **4.40** Film: Corpse Bride (2005) **5.40** FYI Daily **5.45** Film: Corpse Bride (2005) **6.20** Film: Twilight (2008) **7.20** FYI Daily **7.25** Film: Twilight (2008) **8.55** Scorpion **9.50** The Xtra Factor Live **10.20** Celebrity Juice: Halloween Special **11.10** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.00** Release the Hounds **1.00** Film: (GMT) Wild Child (2008) **2.00** FYI Daily **2.05** Film: Wild Child (2008) **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.35 FYI Daily **11.40** Film: Carry On Henry (1971) **12.25** Film: Columbo: The Greenhouse Jungle (1972) **1.55** Rosemary & Thyme **4.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Golditz **1.05** Agatha Christie's Marple **1.55** (GMT) ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

12.45 Darts: European Championship Live. Day two from Hasselt, Belgium. **5.00** Fishing Impossible **6.00** Test Match Cricket **7.00** Darts: European Championship Live. Day two from Hasselt, Belgium. **11.00** Test Match Cricket **12.00** Film: Halloween H20 (1998) **1.05** FYI Daily **1.10** Film: Halloween H20 (1998) **1.45** Hell on Wheels **1.50** (GMT) Car Crash Global

E4

11.00 Black-ish **1.30** The Goldbergs **2.30** Film: Stuart Little 2 (2002) **4.05** Rude (ish) Tube Shorts **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Chronicle (2012) **10.40** Gogglebox **11.50** Rude Tube **1.55** The Inbetweeners

Film4

11.00 A Monster in Paris (2011) **1.00** City of Ember (2008) **2.50** Casper (1995) **4.55** Step Up 4: Miami Heat (2012) **6.50** Mission: Impossible (1996) **9.00** Solomon Kane (2010) **11.05** Excision (2012) **12.40** Eyes Without a Face (1960) **1.25** (GMT) Rec 3: Genesis (2012)

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Eleanor Tomlinson

Poldark (BBC1, 9pm)
Demeiza refuses to speak to Ross, assuming that he will abandon her and return to Elizabeth. At Sir Hugh Bodregun's ball, she turns to Captain McNeil for support, and invites him to her room. George rides to Trenwith to talk Elizabeth out of cancelling their wedding, while Ross's fortunes seem to be changing for the better, with the offer of a prospering shipbuilding partnership from Tonkin, while Henshaw comes across the richest lode of tin he has ever seen when the mine clearance is completed.

BBC1

6.00 (GMT) Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** A Tale of Five Temples: The Story of Hinduism in Britain. **1.45** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.55** Points of View. **3.10** The Great British Bake Off: The Final. (R) **4.10** The Great British Bake Off: Class of 2015. (R) **5.10** Songs of Praise. **5.50** BBC News.
6.05 Regional Programme.
6.15 **Countryfile**. Matt Baker and Anita Ran present the show from Herefordshire. Matt finds out about the county's pear cider industry, helping with a harvest and visiting some of the world's oldest pear trees in Hellen's Manor, while Anita meets a traditional clog maker and explores the history of a farm. Joe Crowley meets a student documenting birds, Tom Heap delves into the history of working at sea, and Adam Henson harvests bracken for fuel on the farm. Including weather for the week ahead.
7.15 **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results**. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkelman reveal which couples are in the dance-off, leaving their fates in the hands of the judges. Laura Mvula provides the music.
8.00 **Antiques Roadshow**. Fiona Bruce presents a special episode from on board the Flying Scotsman during its journey across Scotland and Yorkshire, with passengers sharing stories from the history of travel.
9.00 **Poldark**. Demeiza refuses to speak to Ross, assuming that he will abandon her and return to Elizabeth. At Sir Hugh Bodregun's ball, she turns to Captain McNeil for support.
10.00 BBC News.
10.20 **Regional Programme**.
10.30 **Match of the Day 2**. The day's Premier League highlights, including Everton v West Ham United.
11.30 **The Women's Football Show**. A look at the biggest issues in the women's game, focusing on matters at both club and international level.
12.00 American Football. **1.00** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 (GMT) The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.00** Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **7.45** Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) **8.15** Greatest Gardens. (R) **8.45** Countryfile. (R) **9.45** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.15** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.45** Food & Drink. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Great British Menu. (R) **2.00** Killer Whales: Beneath the Surface – Natural World. (R) **3.00** Heir Hunters. (R) **3.45** Flog It! **4.40** Film: Frankenweenie. (2012) Animated fantasy, with the voice of Charlie Tahan.
6.00 **Britain's Classroom Heroes**.
7.00 **Inside Obama's White House**. Examining how Barack Obama set out to end George Bush's wars in the Middle East and reset relations with the rest of the world. In Syria, when evidence shows the use of chemical weapons, Obama decides to bomb. But when the British Parliament votes against the intervention, he decides he needs the backing of a reluctant Congress. Foreign Secretary William Hague explains why the British Parliament voted against intervention in 2013. This episode also explores how Obama scored a secret deal to end the nuclear threat from Iran – behind the backs of his closest allies. (R)
8.00 **Coast**. The show explores dramatic shorelines, telling stories, investigating notable landmarks and exploring mysteries that have played an important role in the region's development.
9.00 **Operation Goldrush with Dan Snow**.
10.00 **Nigel Farage Gets His Life Back**. Satirical comedy, starring Kevin Bishop as the former UKIP leader, following him in the aftermath of the EU referendum as he adjusts to life away from the public eye.
10.35 **Mock the Week**. (R)
11.10 **Q&A XL**. Extended episode in which Sandi Toksvig invites Lucy Beaumont, Jason Manford, Rhod Gilbert and Alan Davies to answer questions on subjects associated with the North and the Norse. (R)
11.55 **Film: Let Me In**. (2010) A bullied boy befriends a mysterious girl, unaware she is a vampire who is behind a recent series of killings. Horror remake, starring Chloe Grace Moretz.
1.40 Countryfile. (R) **2.35** Holby City. (R)

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8.00 **The X Factor**. Dermot O'Leary presents last night's results, before the two lowest-scoring contestants compete in a sing-off.
9.00 **Tutankhamun**. The Pharaoh's tomb is finally discovered in 1922, but the find is overshadowed by the struggle for Egyptian independence intensifies and tension between Carter and Carnarvon.
10.00 **ITV News**; Weather. **10.15** **Peston on Sunday**. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston. (R)
11.15 **Premiership Rugby Union**. Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman present highlights of the latest fixtures, including Northampton Saints v Gloucester, Saracens v Leicester Tigers, and Exeter Chiefs v Bath.
12.15 **Jackpot247**. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas.
3.00 Motorsport UK.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 (GMT) Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free. (R) **6.15** Motor Sport: Caterham. **6.45** Mobil 1 The Grid. **7.10** Frasier. (R) **7.35** Frasier. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **9.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** Film: ParaNorman. (2012) Animated adventure, with the voice of Kodi Smit-McPhee. **3.50** Film: Addams Family Values. (1993) Comedy sequel, starring Anjelica Huston and Raul Julia. **5.40** Channel 4 News.
6.00 **Formula 1: Mexican Grand Prix Live**. Steve Jones presents coverage of the 19th round of the season (Start-time 7.00pm), which takes place at Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez in Mexico City. Nico Rosberg triumphed at this race last year, as it returned to the Formula One calendar for the first time since 1992.
9.00 **Humans**. New series. Return of the sci-fi drama. Several months after the climax of the first series, living machines Leo, Max and Mia are living in hiding in a coastal town, but their secret is threatened by a very special synth and a mysterious organisation. Niska is on the run in Berlin and is driven to a fateful decision, the Hawkins family tries to get their lives back on track, and a scientist is recruited by a tech company for an experiment in artificial intelligence. Carrie-Anne Moss (The Matrix) joins the cast.
10.05 **Gogglebox**. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)
11.10 **Film: Rush**. (2013) Formula One racers James Hunt and Niki Lauda develop a fierce rivalry over the course of the 1976 championship. Fact-based drama, with Chris Hemsworth and Daniel Bruhl.
1.25 Undercover Boss USA. The CEO of Retro Fitness poses as a contestant on a reality show. (R) **2.15** Grand Designs: Australia. A family builds a three-storey beach house. (R) **3.15** Superfoods: The Real Story. Kate Quilton examines whether broccoli can help in the fight against cancer. (R) **3.40** Food Unwrapped. (R) **4.05** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bits. (R) **4.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. Helping two homeowners in West Yorkshire. (R) **5.10** Deal or No Deal. Beat-the-banker game show. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 (GMT) Milkshake!: (GMT) Milkshake! Monkey. **6.05** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **6.10** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.25** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.40** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.50** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.00** Pets. (R) **7.05** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.15** Pip Ahoy! (R) **7.30** Little Princess. (R) **7.40** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.00** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **8.40** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.00** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.25** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.35** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.35** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.25** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **11.50** World Rally Championship: Live. **1.10** The Gadget Show. (R) **2.10** Funniest Falls, Falls & Flops. **2.40** Film: High Spirits. (1988) Supernatural comedy, starring Peter O'Toole. **4.30** Film: The Ghost of Greville Lodge. (2000) Supernatural family drama, starring George Cole.
6.10 **Film: One Chance**. (2013) Fact-based comedy drama following the rise to fame of opera singer Paul Potts. Throughout his school days as a bullied outsider and mundane adulthood as a mobile phone salesman, he longs to make something of his love of music, finally getting his opportunity when he takes part in TV contest Britain's Got Talent. Starring James Corden, Julie Walters, Colin Meany and Mackenzie Crook.
8.00 **Ice Road Truckers**. The consequences are huge when Darrell's truck breaks down. Plus, Mike Simmons' inexperience costs him on one of the country's toughest winter roads, while polar driver Todd Dewey has to retrace his tracks for hundreds of miles to recover part of his dropped load.
8.55 **5 News Weekend**.
9.00 **The Peter Kay Story**. Profile of the comedian.
10.30 **Peter Kay Live at the Comedy Store**. A performance by the stand-up comedian.
11.05 **Peter Kay: The Early Years**.
11.35 **Film: My Super Ex-Girlfriend**. (2006) An insecure superhero is outraged at being dumped by her boyfriend, and in revenge uses her powers to make his life a misery. Fantasy comedy, starring Uma Thurman and Luke Wilson.
1.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Raw Recruits: Do or Die. (R) **4.00** Criminals Caught On Camera. (R) **4.50** House Doctor. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 (GMT) Canals – The Making of a Nation **7.30** Books that Made Britain **8.00** Frankenstein from The Royal Ballet **10.15** Annabel's Nightclub: A String of Naked Lightbulbs **11.15** BBC: The Secret Files **12.15** Fatal Experiments: The Downfall of a Supersurgeon **3.15** Books that Made Britain **3.45** Close
ITV2
1.15 Catchphrase **2.00** You've Been Framed! Gold Top 100 Shockers **3.00** Film: Corpse Bride (2005) **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10** Film: Corpse Bride (2005) **4.40** Film: The Smurfs: The Legend of Smurly Hollow **5.05** Film: Hotel Transylvania (2012) **6.05** FYI Daily **6.10** Film: Hotel Transylvania (2012) **6.55** Film: Red Riding Hood (2011) **7.55** FYI Daily **8.00** Film: Red Riding Hood (2011) **9.00** The Xtra Factor Live **10.00** Family Guy **12.00** American Dad!
ITV3
12.30 Lewis **2.30** Film: Columbo: The Most Crucial Case (1972) **4.10** Film: Carry On Matron (1972) **5.10** FYI Daily **5.15** Film: Carry On Matron (1972) **6.00** Rosemary & Thyme **7.00** Lewis **9.30** When Ant and Dec Met the Prince: 40 Years of the Prince's Trust **11.35** Charles: The Destiny of a Prince **11.35** Film: The English Patient (1996) **12.40** FYI Daily **12.45** Film: The English Patient (1996) **2.35** Wycliffe
ITV4
11.15 Storage Wars: Texas **11.40** Monster Carp **12.45** Darts: European Championship Live. Day three from Hasselt, Belgium. **5.00** Pawn Stars **6.00** Test Match Cricket **7.00** Darts: European Championship Live. Day three from Hasselt, Belgium. **11.00** Test Match Cricket **12.00** Film: Total Recall (1990) **1.00** FYI Daily
E4
12.00 Made in Chelsea **1.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.00** Film: Dunston Checks In (1996) **3.45** Rude (ish) Tube Shorts **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **6.30** Rude (ish) Tube Shorts **6.40** Film: Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief (2010) **9.00** Tattoo Fixers **10.00** Crazyhead **11.10** Film: GI Joe: The Rise of Cobra (2009) **1.30** The Interneters
Film4
11.00 (GMT) Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (2011) **1.00** Rat Race (2001) **3.15** Master of the World (1961) **5.15** Titanic (1997) **9.00** GI Joe: Retaliation (2013) **11.10** 100 Bloody Acres (2012) **1.00** FilmFear: Night Cap **1.05** FilmFear: Squal **1.10** Kill List (2011) **3.20** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

The Haunting of Radcliffe House, Channel 5, 11.05pm
Meg Hamilton moves with her husband Alec and their children Penny and Harper to Radcliffe House, a remote estate on the Yorkshire moors that she has been hired to renovate. Following a series of strange events, it appears that their arrival has triggered paranormal emanations related to the estate's tragic past. Supernatural drama written and directed by Nick Willing, with Olivia Williams and Matthew Modine. (2014)

TUESDAY

Gifts for Christmas, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A couple about to spend their first Christmas together initially decide not to buy presents for each other. However, each is tempted to secretly seek out something they know the other wants. Drama, starring Marla Sokoloff and Mark Webber. (2010)



The Greatest, Wednesday, BBC1, 11.45pm

WEDNESDAY

The Greatest, BBC1, 11.45pm
A grieving mother becomes obsessed with her dead son's last moments, while her unfaithful husband struggles to comfort her and their surviving son feels he can never live up to his brother's reputation. Drama, starring Pierce Brosnan, Susan Sarandon and Carey Mulligan. (2009)

THURSDAY

Back to Christmas, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman travels back to the Christmas before her engagement broke down and tries to repair what went wrong. However, she soon realises it is a challenging undertaking. Romantic fantasy, starring Kelly Overton. (2014)

FRIDAY

We Are the Best!, Channel 4, 1.35am
Two rebellious teenage girls growing up in 1980s Stockholm discover punk rock, and are inspired to start their own band, despite the mockery of their classmates. They find an unexpected kindred spirit in a born-again Christian girl, who has the musical talent they need. Drama based on Coo Moodysson's graphic novel, starring Mira Barkhammar. (2014)

A tale of adultery, fraud, bigamy and murder

According to the skipping rhyme she inspired, the Victorian serial killer Mary Ann Cotton is 'dead and forgotten' but it seems that's not quite the case.

Her story has intrigued writer Gwyneth Hughes, who explores the life of the poisoner in the new-two part drama Dark Angel.

And it also captured the attention of Downton Abbey star Joanne Froggatt, who plays Mary Ann. The actress says: "I was really excited about this role. Although Dark Angel is a period drama, Mary Ann could not be more different from (Downton's) Anna Bates."

In fact, Joanne was so intrigued, she even did some of her own additional research into Mary Ann to help understand what drove the real-life murder. She explains: "I read a book about her which is a factual account, as far as we know, of what happened. Then I did some research on female serial killers in general and the differences between male and female serial killers."

"Because to play somebody you have to make sense of what they're

doing in their head. Not only to make sense of it for you, but you have to make sense of their thought processes and their feelings. It's very challenging with such serious subject matter."

When we first meet Mary in this opening episode, she's in her mid-twenties, married to Billy Mowbray (Tom Varey), and has lost four children over the course of four years – only her fifth daughter, Margaret Jane, has survived.

The family, who have been living in Cornwall, decide to make a fresh start by returning to Mary's native Seaham, County Durham, where they receive a warm welcome from her mother Margaret (Penny Layden) and kindly stepfather George (Alun Armstrong).

In fact, George is so keen to protect his stepdaughter's interests, he persuades Billy to take out life insurance – and when Mary then meets flirtatious miner Joe (Jonas Armstrong) while buying arsenic to sort out a case of bed bugs, it looks like she will be collecting on the policy sooner rather than later...

It's the first in what becomes a string of crimes as Mary begins insinuating her way into other families.

Joanne believes Mary's losses, and the times she was living in, go somehow towards explaining – although not justifying – her actions.

"We first meet her at the age of 25 when she has suffered the natural loss of four of her children. I guess she almost goes mad with grief at some points..."

"She is a working-class woman in the Victorian era and there's no opportunity, no choice. There's no going out and having a career. Everything was simply marriage and babies. Washing, cleaning, cooking and rats. It was a horrendous life and she always felt that it was a life that wasn't right. She always wanted more than that."

Joanne adds: "She can't accept her lot but goes about seeking a better life in ways none of us would choose. I was fascinated by the psychology behind it." Which is one of the reasons why Dark Angel should make particularly chilling Halloween viewing.



Joanne Froggatt stars in Dark Angel, Monday, ITV, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

Ordinary Lies

BBC1, 9pm

Warehouse manager Toke, aka crime-fighting superhero the Rain Town Knight, tends to a homeless girl called Chrissy after she is attacked by a group of women. He takes her to hospital to get treated and reveals his protective side when he provides her with food, shelter and even a job. Unbeknown to his colleagues or girlfriend, Toke gets wrapped up in Chrissy's life – bit by bit and is soon tested on how far he is willing to go to help her.

WEDNESDAY

Him

ITV, 9pm

Therapist Ross Brodie finds his whole scientific belief system called into question after he witnesses the truth about his young patient's formidable powers. Meanwhile, Azal remains unconscious in intensive care following the accident, and while Faith joins his family in praying for his recovery, his tormented teenage friend tries to find a way to use his unusual abilities to help him. However, the troubled young man soon comes to a

painful and irrevocable conclusion about how he can protect his loved ones. Supernatural thriller, starring Fionn Whitehead. Last in the series.

THURSDAY

Buble at the BBC

BBC1, 8pm

The BBC has always had strong links with the music world, although (Glastonbury aside) most of its in-depth television coverage tends to be consigned to BBC4. Last year, BBC One broke the mould by staging Adele at the BBC, in which the singer performed some of her greatest hits, while Graham Norton presented and interviewed the star. Happily, almost a year later, Michael Buble now receives a similar treatment, with Claudia Winkleman as host. Buble will be backed by his touring band as well as a 30-strong orchestra, as he runs through some of his best-loved songs from a career which spans over 20 years.



Buble at the BBC, Thursday, BBC1, 8pm

The Apprentice

BBC1, 9pm

The candidates continue to fight for Alan Sugar's financial backing, although this week they are tasked with securing investment for someone else. Each team must help an entrepreneur launch their new cycling product and get the public to invest through crowdfunding. It's down to half of each team to embrace the world of guerrilla marketing, creating a head-turning PR stunt, while the rest concentrate on a campaign video. However, as the funding websites go live, technical failures and spelling mistakes cause problems.

FRIDAY

The Level

ITV, 9pm

Nancy's personal and professional lives collide when she sees a connection between her mother and the missing truck, as the full extent of Frank's monstrous crimes becomes clear, and she is forced to operate outside the law to prove her case against Nash. Hayley is let down by her ex-husband, leading Quinn to offer some much-needed comfort that provides food for thought, while Cherie doesn't seem to want to face the truth when Hayley asks her some probing questions. Karla Crome, Laura Haddock and Noel Clarke star. Last in the series.

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Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	D	G	Q	A	F	X	C	Z	Y	P	U	B	T
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Dockside worker who doesn't carry as much weight as others? (10)
- She writes a letter in French (5)
- It won't take you far towards becoming a dancer (3-4)
- Turn once set to music (8)
- Striking writing (4)
- About eleven, the ship moves off (6)
- Father takes nothing back for fabric (6)
- Female disease didn't start with mother (4)
- Its users have no need to take flight to reveal confusion (8)
- She plays a major part in a Shaw play (7)
- Bring up a matter of higher wages (5)
- Freedom from care for a body of men (10)

Down

- I ring up about the shrub (5)
- Seems a spirited sort of card game! (3,5)
- Troublesome roses are (6)
- Do a staggering dance? (4)
- A rising of workers (3,4)
- Its members presumably try to improve their services (6,4)
- Tidy instruction for the anagram solver (3,2,5)
- Talk with others having an opposite view? (8)
- Approve though possibly sore after the finish (7)
- Turn pale (6)
- Swindle in a tortuous way? (5)
- Flag with a tale of heroism (4)

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Quick Clues:

Across

- Corpse-like (10)
- Respond (5)
- Compelled (7)
- Female (8)
- Minus (4)
- Disprove (6)
- Type of shed (4-2)
- Comfort (4)
- Perverse (8)
- Sewing aid (7)
- Gutter (5)
- Contrition (10)

Down

- Amulet (5)
- Explode (8)
- Empty (6)
- Stagger (4)
- Sullied (7)
- Promotion (10)
- Jarring (10)
- Under obligation (6)
- Readily split (7)
- Confer office on (6)
- Cognisant (5)
- Musical instrument (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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2	4	1	6	7	3	5	8	9
6	8	7	9	1	5	4	2	3

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Capital; 7 Mason; 9 Age; 10 Remarking; 12 Underhanded; 15 Extemporary; 17 Suffering; 19 Dot; 21 Get on; 22 Reverse. Down: 1 Mango; 2 Bit; 3 Race; 4 Back entry; 5 Counter; 8 Washer; 11 Underfoot; 13 Expert; 14 Excuses; 16 Hoist; 18 Need; 20 Men. QUICK - Across: 6 Durable; 7 Flood; 9 Few; 10 Take cover; 12 Impecunious; 15 Portmanteau; 17 Flattened; 19 Hid; 21 Stoop; 22 Account. Down: 1 Quiet; 2 Way; 3 Flex; 4 Illogical; 5 Doleful; 8 Result; 11 Imitation; 13 Evaded; 14 Pollute; 16 Fiend; 18 Each; 20 Boy.

Quiz

- What is Riccardo Muti's occupation?
- What is the chief residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury?
- Whom was the Big Issue magazine set up to help?
- Of what nationality was author Laurens van der Post?
- To which species of bird does the mynah belong?
- Which composer wrote the music for Gypsy and Funny Girl?
- In which Cornish resort is the Barbara Hepworth museum?
- Which playwright wrote The Browning Version in 1948?
- What are auctioned at Tattersall's in London?
- Who composed the incidental music for Peer Gynt?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 I Ching; 2 Cocoa/cacao; 3 Belgium;

4 Hugh Gaitskell; 5 Four; 6 Chicago; 7 Ice;

8 The river Tay; 9 Williams; 10 A duck.

Niner: SLAUGHTER

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

13457 gives a country singer,
649572 gives an American film artist,
682675 gives a British poet.

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This also has a feature fireplace with an inset living flame gas fire with a tiled hearth and back panel, an under stairs cupboard, further built in storage with drawers and French doors opening to the rear garden and a door opening to the kitchen/diner.

To the rear of the kitchen is an inner hall with fully tiled walls, space for a tall fridge freezer, and a door off to the bathroom and a door to the rear.

The bathroom has a WC, vanity wash hand basin with chrome mixer tap and storage beneath, a panelled bath with a thermostatic mixer shower.

The utility room is accessed from the back door across the courtyard. It has a modern range off wall base units with complementary worktops over, a larder unit, stainless steel sink, space and plumbing for an automatic washing machine, space for tumble drier, ceramic tiled and a door to the garage.

Upstairs, the master bedroom has windows to both the front and rear and a modern en-suite. Bedroom two has built-in wardrobes and drawer units and bedside cabinets and a window to the front. Bedroom three overlooks the rear, as does bedroom four. These rooms are served by a first floor WC.

Outside, the frontage is fully block paved with dwarf walls and wrought iron railings. There is a side path with a wrought iron gate leading to the rear garden. This is fully enclosed with a paved patio area, picket fencing, lawn, additional patio area and two timber sheds, an outside store and outside WC.

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- ◆ Suitable for the erection of one 3 bedroom detached cottage

GUIDE PRICE £50,000 to £70,000**LOT 2**

**38
RAVENHILL
TERRACE,
RUGELEY,
WS15 1BS**

**FREEHOLD
WITH VACANT
POSSESSION**

- ◆ Mid terraced house
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating E (53)

GUIDE PRICE £70,000 to £100,000**LOT 3**

**80 NEWMAN
GROVE,
RUGELEY,
WS15 1BW**

**FREEHOLD
INVESTMENT**

- ◆ End terraced house
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Currently producing £6,780 P.A.
- ◆ EPC rating E (50)

GUIDE PRICE £70,000 to £100,000**LOT 4**

**BUILDING PLOT ADJ.
167 LITTLEWORTH
ROAD, HEDNESFORD,
WS12 1NT**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT
POSSESSION**

- ◆ Individual building plot with planning permission for erection of one 4 bedroom detached house on three floors
- ◆ The site extends to an area of 290m² or thereabouts

GUIDE PRICE £75,000 to £85,000**LOT 5**

**LAND ADJACENT TO
9 WHITGREAVE LANE,
RUGELEY, WS15 1NG**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT
POSSESSION**

- ◆ Residential Freehold building land
- ◆ With outline planning permission for 2 No three bedroomed dwellings
- ◆ Approximate dimensions: Area 380m² or thereabouts

GUIDE PRICE £80,000 to £100,000**LOT 6**

**LAND TO REAR OF
24/26 BROWNHILLS
ROAD, WALSALL
WOOD, WS8 7US**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT
POSSESSION**

- ◆ Freehold residential building land with planning permission for 3 No houses
- ◆ Convenient for facilities at Walsall Wood and Brownhills Centre

GUIDE PRICE £150,000 to £175,000**LOT 7**

**137 WOLVERHAMPTON STREET,
WEDNESBURY, WS10 8UE**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT
POSSESSION**

- ◆ Inner terraced house of brick redner and slate construction
- ◆ Requiring comprehensive renovation
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Benefiting from part gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating E (48)

GUIDE PRICE £50,000+**LOT 8**

**111 WOLVERHAMPTON STREET,
WEDNESBURY, WS10 8UE**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT
POSSESSION**

- ◆ End terraced house
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Brick, part render and slate construction
- ◆ Requiring comprehensive refurbishment and modernisation
- ◆ Benefiting from part gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating E (45)

GUIDE PRICE £55,000+**LOT 9**

**89 WOLVERHAMPTON STREET,
WEDNESBURY, WS10 8UE**

**FREEHOLD INVESTMENT
PRODUCING £4,940 P.A.**

- ◆ Inner terraced house
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Brick, tile and part render construction
- ◆ Benefiting from part gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating E (52)

GUIDE PRICE £40,000+**LOT 10**

**3 HOLDEN CRESCENT,
COALPOOL, WALSALL, WS3 1PY**

**LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT
POSSESSION**

- ◆ Purpose built ground floor flat
- ◆ Requiring refurbishment
- ◆ Ideal buy to let/first time buy
- ◆ EPC rating C (74)

GUIDE PRICE £28,000+**LOT 11**

**33 POPLAR
LANE,
CANNOCK,
WS11 1NQ**

**LEASEHOLD
WITH VACANT
POSSESSION**

- ◆ Detached bungalow
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Detached garage
- ◆ Gas central heating & double glazing
- ◆ Potential for extensions/improvement
- ◆ EPC rating C (69)

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- Garage And Extensive Driveway



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- Greatly Improved Modern Detached Corner Plot In Sought After Location
- Hall, Two Reception Rooms
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- Bathroom, En-suite
- Garage, Driveway
- Good Size Gardens



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EPC TBC



ROSEHLL WILLENHALL

- Spacious Edwardian Detached Property
- Hall, Two Reception Rooms
- Large Kitchen, Utility • Study
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Pleasant Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing



£175,000

EPC TBC



SUMMER HAYES PERTH ROAD

- Link Detached Bungalow
- Hall, Lounge, Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Double Glazing



- Gas Central Heating System
- Car Port, Driveway
- Front And Rear Gardens
- No Upward Chain

£180,000



SILVERSTONE CLOSE BENTLEY

- Modern Style Semi Detached
- Popular Area
- Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom



- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Garage, Driveway
- No Upward Chain

£159,995

EPC D



WILLENHALL ASTON ROAD

- Semi Detached Property
- Popular Location
- Lounge • Kitchen and Utility
- Bathroom



- Three Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Garage and Driveway
- Gardens

£136,000

EPC TBC



WILLENHALL NEWENT CLOSE, OFF STROUD AVENUE

- Pleasantly Appointed Semi Detached Bungalow
- Improved Mid Terrace
- No Upward Chain
- Lounge • Kitchen
- Upvc Double Glazed Windows



- Gas Central Heating
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Two Bedrooms
- Gardens

£134,950

EPC TBC



WOODLANDS ESTATE MYRTLE CLOSE

- Modern Style Semi Detached
- Hall, Lounge • Dining Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Shower Room



- Garage, Driveway
- Gardens
- Gas Central Heating System
- Double Glazing

OFFERS OVER £130,000

EPC E



WILLENHALL WILLENHALL ROAD

- Beautifully Appointed Period Semi Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen, Impressive Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms



- Shared Driveway Leading To Off Road Parking To The Rear
- Long Rear Gardens, Gas CH
- Double Glazing, No Chain

OFFERS OVER £102,000

EPC TBC



GIPSY LANE WILLENHALL

- Beautifully Appointed And Impressively Improved Mid Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Large Re-fitted Kitchen



- Two Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Rear Gardens

£95,000

EPC TBC



WILLENHALL WILLENHALL ROAD

- Spacious Ground Floor Flat
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen



- 2 Good Size Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS OVER £70,000

EPC TBC



WILLENHALL KINGFISHER COURT, CLARKES LANE

- Modern One Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom, Bathroom



- Double Glazing
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• WELL APPOINTED SEMI-DETACHED PROPERTY
• THREE BEDROOMS
• UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
• GAS CENTRAL HEATING



- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED CONSERVATORY
- BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY
- INTERNAL VIEWING RECOMMENDED

£124,950



MULBERRY ROAD, BLOXWICH, WALSALL
• EXTENDED SEMI-DETACHED PROPERTY
• POPULAR DUDLEY FIELDS AREA
• THREE BEDROOMS
• GAS CENTRAL HEATING



- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED CONSERVATORY
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

£114,950 Offers



WALKER ROAD, WALSALL, WALSALL
• SEMI-DETACHED PROPERTY
• TWO BEDROOMS
• VERY CONVENIENT FOR BLOXWICH TOWN CENTRE
• GAS CENTRAL HEATING
• UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS



- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED CONSERVATORY
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

£105,000 Offers



PRIESTLEY ROAD, BEECHDALE EST, WALSALL
• WELL PRESENTED END TOWN HOUSE STYLE PROPERTY
• TWO BEDROOMS
• GAS CENTRAL HEATING
• UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS



- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED CONSERVATORY
- BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY
- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE

£97,500 Offers



STATION STREET, BLOXWICH, WALSALL
• PLEASANT TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
• VERY CONVENIENT FOR BLOXWICH TOWN CENTRE
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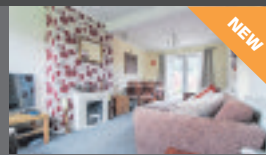


- COMMUNAL GARDENS AND PARKING
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HOUGH ROAD, PLECK, WALSALL
• END TOWN HOUSE STYLE PROPERTY
• CORNER PLOT
• TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
• GAS CENTRAL HEATING



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• NO ONWARD CHAIN
GUIDE PRICE £50,000



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• LARGE VICTORIAN STYLE SEMI-DETACHED PROPERTY
• FOUR BEDROOMS & LOFT ROOM
• TWO/THREE RECEPTION ROOMS
• UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
• LARGE REAR GARDEN & OFF ROAD PARKING
• VIEWING RECOMMENDED
• NO CHAIN
GUIDE PRICE £150,000



FLEMING PLACE, BEECHDALE EST
• ●●●AUCTION PROPERTY●●●
• PLEASANT END TOWN HOUSE STYLE PROPERTY
• TWO BEDROOMS
• UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
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Extended Seven Bed Detached. Comprises Of Entrance Porch, Hall, Lounge, Sitting Room, Modern Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Utility, W.C., Family Bathroom & Shower Room. UPVC. D/G. ORP. Generous Rear Garden.

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W/TON ROAD WEST, BENTLEY
Three Bed Semi Detached, Lounge, Impressive Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Utility Room, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing & C/Heating, Front & Rear Gardens, Driveway Parking, Viewing Strongly Advised!

£155,000

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POOLLES LANE, WILLENHALL
Two Bed Mid Terraced Having Entrance Hall, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Spacious Fitted Kitchen, Two Well Proportioned Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/G & C.H.

£89,995

SHORT HEATH



MILL LANE, WILLENHALL
Impressive Three Bed Detached Bungalow, 25ft Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, Family Bathroom, En-Suite Shower To Master, D/Glazing & C/Heating, Extensive Off Road Parking, Rear Garden.

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POOL HAYES



RAVENSCROFT RD, WILLENHALL
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- Two Bedrooms
- Viewing essential
- Semi Detached
- Rear Garden

Viewing: **£145,000**

Mount Road Willenhall



- Three Bedroom Home
- Double Glazed And Central Heated
- Lounge/diner
- Fitted kitchen

Viewing: **£114,000**

Drancy Avenue Willenhall



- Two Bedroom
- Town House
- Ideal First Time Buy
- Downstairs W.C.

Viewing: **£110,000**

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- Ideal Investment Property
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- Fitted Kitchen And Bathroom

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Poplar Avenue Walsall



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- Large Lounge
- Modern Kitchen
- EPC - D, Three Bedrooms

OFFERS AROUND: **£94,950**

Essington Way Wolverhampton



- Two Bedrooms
- Ground Floor
- Modern Apartment
- Kitchen

Viewing: **£79,950**

Willenhall Road Wolverhampton



- Two Bedrooms
- Ground Floor
- Lounge
- Kitchen

Viewing: **£74,950**

Lakelot Close Willenhall



- Large Family Home
- Two Bedrooms
- Four Good Sized Bedrooms
- Master En-Suite

Viewing: **£215,000**

Fordbrook Lane Walsall



- Extended Three Bedroom Semi
- Large Garden With Fencing Area
- Fitted Kitchen
- EPC - D, Large Quality

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Martin Drive Willenhall



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- 3 Double bedrooms
- Good sized garden
- EPC - D, Modern kitchen

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Bloxwich Road South Willenhall



- EXTENDED 3 BEDROOM SEMI
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Lord Street Walsall



- POTENTIAL TO EXTEND (SUBJECT TO PLANNING)
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Viewing: **£130,000**

Highfield Road Tipton



- Two Bedroom detached bungalow
- NEW KITCHEN
- Lounge
- High Specification Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: **£125,000**

Lilac Road Wolverhampton



- Spacious 3 bedroom detached semi detached house, double reception 1, lounge/diner, kitchen, modern bathroom, EN-SUITE TO BEDROOM 3, driveway and garage, rear garden with

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19 Bradley Lane Wolverhampton **NEW**



- 3 bedroom semi-detached house offering no upward chain and located close to Bradley Metro station providing fantastic commuting to Birmingham and Wolverhampton. The accommodation briefly comprises 3 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom, double glazing and central heating. 90000

Viewing: **£90,000**

41 Loxdale Sidings Wolverhampton



- UNIQUE 2 BEDROOM PENTHOUSE apartment with an upper level living space suitable as a study etc, garage and parking space, security entrance door and separate door to stairs to entrance 100,000

Viewing: **£100,000**

Carlton Avenue Bilston



- 3 Bedroom detached house with no upward chain, porch and entrance hallway, modern kitchen, lounge/diner, modern bathroom, driveway and garage, front and rear gardens, double glazing and

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Fraser Street Bilston



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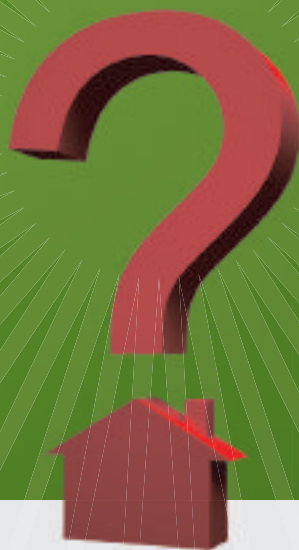
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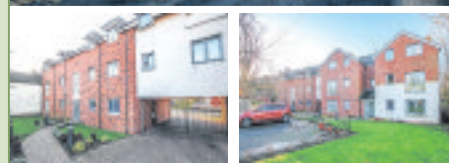
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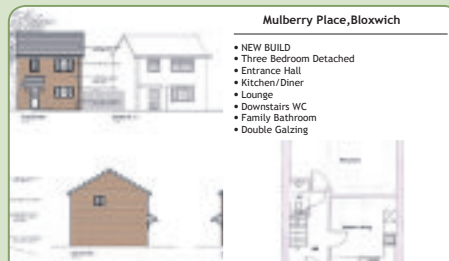
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Lichfield Road, Willenhall

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- 27' Kitchen/Diner
- Off Road Parking
- Detached Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Excellent Transport Links
- EPC - TBC

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Mulberry Place, Bloxwich

- NEW BUILD
- Three Bedroom Detached
- Entrance Hall
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Downstairs WC
- Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing

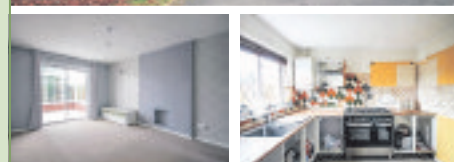
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Sneyd Lane, Bloxwich

- NO CHAIN
- Charming Period Semi-Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Extended Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Ground Floor WC
- Off Road Parking
- EPC - TBC

Offers in the Region Of £137,500



Rochester Croft, Reedswood

- No Chain
- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking
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- Easy access to the M6
- Close to Reedswood Retail Park
- Must Be Viewed
- EPC - D

Offers in the Region Of £111,000



Park Road, Bloxwich

- ATTENTION INVESTORS
- Apartment Block Built in 2008
- Achieving £6600 Annual Rent
- Private Secure Parking
- Spacious Second Floor Apartment
- EPC - C

£102,500



Glastonbury Crescent, Mossley

- Three Bedrooms
- Ideal First Purchase
- Ideal Buy To Let
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- EPC - TBC

£89,950



Ingram Road, Blakenall Heath

- No Chain
- Three Generous Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Well Presented Throughout
- Low Maintenance Garden
- Ideal Buy-to-Let
- EPC - E

£95,000



Glastonbury Crescent, Mossley

- Three Bedroom
- Semi-Detached
- Lounge with bay window
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Dining Room With French Doors
- Family Bathroom
- Close to Abbey Primary School
- EPC - TBC

£99,950



Church Place, Blakenall Heath

- Two Bedroom Second Floor Apartment
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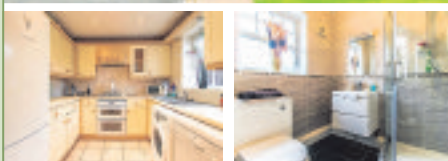
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- Desirable Summer Hayes Area
- Off Road Parking
- EPC - E

£185,000



Alderley Crescent, Walsall

- Modern Detached Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Refitted En-Suite to the Master Bedroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Ground Floor WC
- Garage
- Family Friendly Enclosed Rear Garden
- EPC - TBC

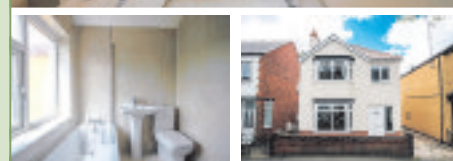
£180,000



Waters Keep, Leamore

- Light and Airy Lounge
- Spacious Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs W.C
- Rear French Doors
- Three Spacious Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom

From £145,995



Harrison Street, Bloxwich

- Traditional Detached Property
- Fully Refurbished
- Off Road Parking
- Extended Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Superb Rear Garden
- Close to Bloxwich High Street
- Must Be Viewed
- EPC - E

Offers in the Region Of £155,000



Harrison Street, Bloxwich

- Traditional Semi-Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- EPC - E

£135,000



Waters Keep, Leamore

- Light and Airy Lounge
- Spacious Kitchen / Diner
- Downstairs W.C
- Rear French Doors
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom

From £115,995



Tewkesbury Road, Mossley

- Spacious Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Double Glazed Porch
- Entrance Hall
- Block Paved Driveway
- EPC - E
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room

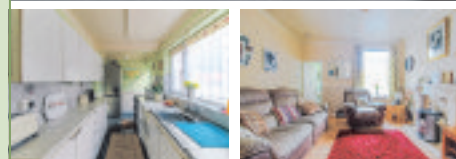
£110,000



Penderel Street, Bloxwich

- No Chain
- Ideal First Time Purchase
- Suitable Buy-to-Let Investment
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- EPC - C

£90,000



Revival Street, Bloxwich

- Two Bedroom End of Terrace
- Well Presented Throughout
- Through Lounge
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Ideal Buy To Let
- Located close to Asda & the High Street
- Regular Bus Routes
- NO CHAIN
- EPC Rating: F:29

£90,000



Marsh Street, Walsall

- Studio Apartment in Walsall Town Centre
- Separate Shower Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Balcony with Canal Views
- Close to all amenities
- Available with Sitting Tenant
- Ideal First Purchase
- No Chain

£74,950



Little Station Street, Walsall

- One Bedroom Apartment
- Town Centre Location
- Train Station Within Walking Distance
- Decorated Communal Areas
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom with Shower
- EPC - E

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Hall Street East Darlaston



Offers around £80,000

A well presented second floor two bedroom apartment in a popular residential location. The property comprises of reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and family bathroom. The property also benefits from double glazed windows, electric heating, no upward chain and allocated parking space. Energy rating C.

197 Green Lane Leamore



Offers around £75,000

A modern first floor flat having the benefit of no upward chain, UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. Ideal for Landlord or first time buyer the property further comprises, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, family shower room, two bedroom, communal parking and gardens. Energy rating C.

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Crown Court Victoria Mews



Offers around £119,995

A well presented two bedroom modern semi detached family home, having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. This lovely property further comprises, porch, lounge, fitted kitchen/diner, two double bedrooms, family bathroom, front and rear gardens and allocated parking space. Energy rating D.

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Offers around £91,950

A luxury ground floor two bedroom modern apartment situated within easy access to Walsall and Bloxwich town centres and having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and central heating. The property further comprises, lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, family bathroom, intercom and allocated car parking space. Awaiting energy rating

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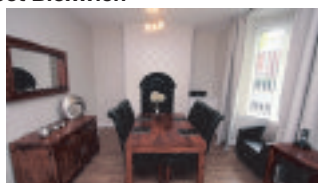
A well presented three bedroom terrace property having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. This ideal family home further comprises, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, family bathroom, three bedrooms and rear garden. Energy rating D.

Harrison Street Bloxwich



Offers around £130,000

A superb, well presented, middle terrace family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. Located close to Bloxwich town centre this lovely property further comprises, lounge, refitted kitchen, three bedrooms, refitted family bathroom and rear garden. Energy rating D.



Commonside Brownhills



Offers around £149,950

An improved and upgraded three bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. This well presented property further comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, utility room, conservatory, three bedrooms, family bathroom, rear garden, block paved driveway and car port. Energy rating D.

Little Station Street Walsall



Offers around £64,995

●●CURRENTLY LET OUT AT £425 PCM UNTIL JAN 2017●● Situated within the heart of Walsall is this second floor one double bedroom apartment. The accommodation with double glazing includes, lounge, modern fitted kitchen and bathroom, double bedroom. The apartment offers enough space for anyone downsizing or just starting out and also would make an ideal investment for landlord. Energy rating C.



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Commercial feature

On the face of it, the concept of a Sport Utility Vehicle is a bit farcical. Which sport are you engaging in at the helm of, say, a Land Rover Discovery Sport? If the remit is to get you to the sport, then surely a bus or train would also warrant the sports tag. There really is nothing sporty about these vehicles.

Audi popularised this genre with its Allroad models, Volvo followed with its XC70 but Subaru had them both licked in selling us all-wheel drive estates with just enough off-road ability to get most of us to where we needed to go. Skoda followed suit with its Octavia Scout models but they never really gained much traction with the car buying public. The third generation Octavia is a far more substantial proposition than its predecessors and this time, the Scout version might well snag some serious orders.

The basics are pretty straightforward. For this sort of car, you really want an estate bodysell, a bit of extra ride height, a brawny diesel engine and the obligatory all-wheel drive mechanicals. Skoda duly delivers, with the engine choice extending to either a 2.0 TDI 150PS with a six-speed manual gearbox or a 2.0 TDI 184PS featuring a six-speed DSG twin-clutcher as standard.

The fifth-generation Haldex clutch transmission more accurately distributes torque between the front and rear axles. The ECU monitors your driving (steering angle, throttle position and how heavily you're braking) and delivers what it feels is the correct split of torque to each axle. As soon as a front wheel starts spinning, the clutch is engaged, sending torque to the rear tyres. An electronically locking differential on both axles



Even the entry-level Scout gets alloy wheels



There's a redesigned rear end with black body cladding

helps too, drive being distributed evenly from side to side for optimum grip.

The Scout certainly looks the part, with a distinctive front end that features a silver skid plate and fog lights assembly. There's also a redesigned rear end, with black body cladding added to help keep scuffs off the paintwork while off-roading.

The ride height has been jacked up by a further 33mm, and with a total ride height of 171mm, the Scout has even more ground

clearance than many so-called SUVs such as the Audi Q3.

Rear seat space is generous and so is the amount of room in the back with the 610-litres of space you get in the boot when all the seats are in place. Prices start at just over £25,000, which nets you the 150PS version. You'll need to fork out around £28,000 for the 184PS model with the DSG gearbox, but that's still quite ridiculously good value for money. After all, you can spend well over £27,000 on a manual 1.6-litre diesel Honda Civic

supermini. Ask yourself which is offering you more car and more capability for your money. The Scout's more direct rivals can't really touch this proposition, the base 140PS Passat Alltrack knocking on the door of £30,000 while the Vauxhall Insignia Country Tourer really only comes into contention if you can negotiate a massive discount off the asking price to offset its poorer residuals.

Even the entry-level Scout gets alloy wheels, an eight speaker stereo with a digital radio and Bluetooth compatibility, roof rails, leather

trim for the reach and rake adjustable steering wheel, climate control and a touchscreen infotainment controller. Safety gear includes stability control, hill hold, automatic post collision braking, plus front, side, knee and curtain airbags.

Ascend up the range and you can start fitting features like the DSG twin-clutch gearbox, Alcantara and leather trim, satellite navigation, cruise control, intelligent light assistant, bigger alloys and a remote rear seat fold down facility.

SKODA OCTAVIA SCOUT



The Scout looks the part, with a distinctive front end that features a silver skid plate and fog lights assembly

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The Swift 4x4 delivers supermini buyers something different and with ability

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1.0 5 Door Hatchback White
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BD14GGA Suzuki Alto SZ
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DN11RYG Ford Ka Edge [Start Stop]
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BG13XBY Suzuki Splash SZ3
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1.2 3 Door Hatchback Blue
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Superior White 1,000 miles £6991

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TR 5 Door Hatchback Silver
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1.0 5 Door Hatchback Grey
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BN64OKC Suzuki SX4 SZ3
1.6 5 Door Hatchback Grey
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LB61KWO Mini One Convertible
1.6 White 49,355 miles £7591

BK12FPF Mazda 3 1.6d 115PS TS2
Diesel 5 Door Hatchback Silver
25,587 miles £7691

BK65HWA Suzuki Swift SZ3
1.2 3 Door Hatchback Bright Red
5,110 miles £7991

BG65HPE Suzuki Celerio SZ4
1.0 5 Door Hatchback
Superior White 10 miles £7991

WK14SVU Suzuki Swift SZ4 1.3
DDiS Diesel 5 Door Hatchback Red
27,871 Miles £8491

BT63EEV Suzuki Swift SZ4 1.3
DDiS Diesel 5 Door Hatchback
Silver 26,991 Miles £8491

BU64LXF Suzuki Swift SZ-L 1.2 5
Door Hatchback Blue/White Roof
9,712 miles £8491

BK65HWC Suzuki Swift SZ3 1.2
3 Door Hatchback Silky Silver
Metallic 4,674 miles £8591

BK64YKM Suzuki Swift SZ4
Automatic 1.2 5 Door Hatchback
Grey 15,753 miles £8591

BK65UEH Suzuki Swift SZ2
1.2 5 Door Hatchback Silver
2,386 miles £8791

BJ65VCY Suzuki Swift SZ3
1.2 3 Door Hatchback
Cosmic Black 100 miles £8991

BN61BUE BMW 1 Series 116i 2.0
Sport 3 Door Hatchback Red
25,467 miles £8991

BG65FFN Suzuki Swift SZ3 1.2 3
Door Hatchback Boost Blue
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3 Door Hatchback Bright Red
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BN62YFM Suzuki Grand Vitara SZ5
1.9 5 Door Estate Black
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BG16KLU Suzuki Swift SZ-L
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Black 10 miles £12491

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WR64GRU Mitsubishi Outlander
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BN65FWT Mitsubishi Outlander
PHEV Estate GX3H 2.0 Automatic
Hybrid-Electric/Petrol Estate
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WP64CEU Mitsubishi Outlander
GX4H PHEV Estate 2.0 Automatic
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Peugeot 107 Millesim
1.0 3 Door Hatchback Grey
40,740 miles

Commercial feature

Suzuki has history with four-wheel drive cars. Although we like to kid ourselves that modern stability and traction control systems will get a two-wheel drive car most places that a four-wheel drive model will go, when the chips are really down, Suzuki knows there's no substitute for sending drive to each corner.

It's sold thousands of Vitaras and Jimny SUVs but the Japanese company has also shifted quite a few rather less overtly four-wheel drive cars. Vehicles such as the SX4, the Kizashi and this, the Swift 4x4.

The Swift's had a bit of a wash and brush up of late and the introduction of the Swift 4x4 delivers supermini buyers an option that's at once a little different to the mainstream and with no little ability at its elbow.

There's a choice in the engine department, this Swift 4x4 coming with two 1.2-litre petrol four-cylinder units. The cheaper one is good for a wholly unexceptional 94bhp, so don't get any illusions that you're at the wheel of a shrunken Audi RS3. Better is the 90bhp Dualjet petrol 1.2 powerplant, which offers greater torque and efficiency.

Whatever your engine choice, on the move, you have to prod the five-speed manual transmission around the gate, although nothing's really happening at a particularly frenetic pace. The all-wheel drive mechanicals are simple and rely on a permanent 4-wheel drive system which transfers additional torque to the rear wheels when required.

You'll appreciate the added security this brings in wintry conditions but remember two things. In such conditions, any car is only as good as its tyres and four wheel drive traction advantages aren't equalled by commensurate braking benefits, so it's always best to err on the side of caution.

The slightly increased ride height might give you a clue that this is no ordinary Swift but other than that, the Swift 4x4 is extremely discreet. Like the rest of the Swift range, the 4x4 gets the latest styling refreshments including a revised front bumper and grille and silver detailing to the lower front bumper.

For added safety and style, an LED high level brake lamp has been added. The interior design has been given thought too, with better quality seat fabric featuring blue as its keynote colour, with lined accents of blue and grey.

The fascia remains very driver focused, with a trio of overlapping dials in the instrument binnacle and a tapered centre console that draws the eye to the gear lever that marshals the five-speed manual transmission. The view out of the car is better than in most rivals, thanks again to that upright seating position and big glass area.

The 4WD Swift is priced at just over £12,000 for the base SZ3 version and just over £14,000 for the higher specified SZ4 Dualjet model which includes power folding door mirrors with integral indicators and Daylight Running Lamps as standard equipment.

Apart from 4x4 badging and that slightly increased body ride height of 25mm, the look of an SZ3 grade 4x4 model appears identical to that of an ordinary Swift SZ3 five-door. The SZ4 variant has a more rugged appearance and offers extra protection over rough ground by adding front and rear skid plates, black wheel arch extensions and black side skirts.

Insurance cover is pricier than the supermini average so you'll probably be best served getting a few quotes before committing.

The Suzuki Swift 4x4 is a modern supermini that's also slightly old-school. In execution, look and feel, the Swift feels bang up to date but the engineering seems to hark back to a short-lived craze for all-wheel drive everything that briefly blossomed and then died in the late eighties.

Still, some old ideas are well worth reviving and the added ride height and grip offered by this Swift will doubtless come in handy during tough winter conditions.

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Mark and Joe Feeham, and Peter Woodfield, front, from left, head up the London Wolves Supporters' Club



London Wolves members celebrate the 50th anniversary with ex-players Mike Bailey and Terry Wharton on Saturday

Die-hard fans' capital commitment

SPORT MEMORIES

By Rob Cox

EVEN for a group that's 50 years old, this lot have got some outlandish tales.

One of their members has missed only one home game in 40 years, they used to run out of the players' tunnel at Molineux to supporters chanting their name, and they've travelled to matches with players, millionaires and a famous pop star.

Welcome to London Wolves.

The club's oldest supporters' club – and one of the oldest of its kind in the country – is turning 50.

They've experienced dizzying highs and endured devastating lows over the past five decades – and that's before you even get started on the football.

It all began in a very different era. Stuart Earl, who was there was from day one and is the club's chairman, takes up the story: "Me and Dave (Slape, current secretary) met on the 9.15 out of Paddington. We saw each other every week and just thought there had to be a cheaper way of doing it, so we set about organising coach travel and it took off from there."

Switch

Dave added: "I was on the first trip. Two weeks earlier we met Jack Howley, the secretary, with about 12 people saying we wanted to form a club. The first trip was Plymouth (October 22, 1966, a 2-1 home win)."

Football worked very differently back then. London Wolves would be let in to Molineux games for free, with chairman John Ireland believing fans who travelled that far shouldn't have to pay.

They would board a coach from Victoria station, but would switch to train travel after a couple of years, and have a corner of the North Bank allocated to them. Stuart added: "We



Club legend Steve Bull receives a Player of the Year award from London Wolves back in 1986

used to come out of the players' tunnel and the North Bank would chant 'London Wolves' and point at us! It was quite embarrassing."

The club's numbers soon grew. At its peak, in the late 1970s and early 1980s, they had almost 400 members, with the 1981 FA Cup semi-final against Spurs at Hillsborough attracting a record booking of 108 fans. Just a few years later, with Wolves' rapid decline in full flow, things were very different.

Travel secretary Peter Woodfield has been with the club since its formation and still kept attending event in the dark days of the 1980s.

Yes, he even went to all three Chorley FA Cup games. The Magpies beat Wolves 3-0 in a second FA Cup first round replay at Bolton's Burnden Park. "In the Bhatti era you had to be a bit more dedicated!" he said.

"The Third Division, when we were still on our way down, it was a real effort to go to those games."

Mark Feehan joined in 1976, aged 12, after spotting an advert in a Millwall programme.

"You hear people complain today about bad games, but you really had to be a die-hard in the 1980s," he said. "You didn't even know if

they would put a team out some days. We had the conversations about what we'd do if the worst happened and Wolves no longer existed." But London Wolves, like the club, survived – and thrived. Sir Jack Hayward used to travel with them for midweek games (even taking part in Dave's 'guess the score' competition), as did a host of former players.

Dexys Midnight Runners singer Kevin Rowland is a former member, as is BBC presenter Jacqui Oatley.

John Richards is the club's honorary president and the likes of Carl Ikeme, David Ed-

"We used to come out of the players' tunnel and the North Bank would chant 'London Wolves' and point at us! It was quite embarrassing."

wards and Karl Henry have travelled back to London with them in recent years.

That's not to say that travelling from London to every game hasn't been without its pitfalls.

There have been several mishaps, delays and breakdowns over the years, even as recently as last season when horrendous motorway traffic forced the group, who travelled to that particular game by coach, to abandon in Sheffield and watch a match in a pub.

Outskirts

Peter, who sorts out the club's bookings and match tickets, added: "There was one at Huddersfield in the 1960s the coach broke down just on the outskirts of Huddersfield and we ended up pushing it up a hill!"

"I'll never forget that. We missed the first 25 minutes of that one," he added.

The 50th anniversary year was marked in style with a golden anniversary dinner at Charlton's ground, The Valley, in July, attended by a host of ex-players and then-boss Kenny Jackett.

A special reception will be held in Molineux's WV1 bar on the day of the Leeds game on Saturday, marking 50 years to the day since that first ever trip.

"I think the reason we all enjoy it so much is the social side of it and the camaraderie," Mark said. "We have a lot of away fans travelling with us too. Brentford brought a bag of Chinese fortune cookies with them the other week to share out. Everyone knows everyone and we're all friends."

Stuart added: "My mother thought I'd grow out of it, but 50 years later I'm still here."



The London Wolves football team faces the camera for a line-up shot in the 1980s



Jacqui Oatley is a former London Wolves member



Kevin Rowland was also one part of the club



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Wood are hit for six by Westfield

Westfields 6 Walsall Wood 0
THERE were two differences in this FA Vase tie – Westfields put their chances away, while Wood didn't have a Sirdic Grant to terrorise the opposition.

Just like the league game both sides immediately settled into playing football but it wasn't until 12 minutes that there was a shot on target. Wood pressure on the right of the box saw Grant Beckett win the ball and lay it back to Harry Harris 30 yards out, his low drive well held to his left by keeper Keiron Blackburn.

Three minutes later a Wood right wing move broke down, Aidan Thomas raced clear to the edge of the box, squared the ball into the centre, Richard Greaves firing into the roof of the net.

On 23 minutes, Plane intercepted a crossfield ball, ran clear wide left, played the ball into the near post, Grant losing his marker and flicking the ball across keeper Andy Hughes and into the right hand corner of the net.

Eleven minutes later Wood discovered it wasn't going to be their day, Nick Wright charged into the right of the box and his powerful low drive was pushed away at full stretch by Blackburn, the ball was unceremoniously fired down the left by Plane to find Thomas, who raced into the left of the box and calmly slotted the ball past Hughes.

It was all over on 51 minutes. Grant played the ball into the left of the box, Thomas turned and fired in a cross shot that deflected off the back of a defender and flew past Hughes into the net. Later Grant played a quick-fire 1-2 with Greaves in the centre of the box before releasing Nick Harry into the right to calmly fire home number five. Right at the death, from a corner Kane Kahaki headed the ball across goal and Harry headed home number six.

Lowly Frickley are victorious as Pics felled by late goal

Rushall Olympic 0 Frickley Athletic 1
HIGH-FLYING Rushall Olympic suffered a rare reverse as lowly Frickley Athletic secured their first away points of the season at Dales Lane.

It was the visitors who started the brighter of the two teams without seriously testing Jose Veiga in The Pics' goal.

There was a great chance for Rushall on 18 minutes when leading scorer, Alex Reid, was played through one-on-one with the keeper but fired wide.

With the home side starting to get into their stride, Reid broke away following a Frickley free-kick before feeding Mo Diop who turned The Pics continued to create the better chances at the start of the second period but were unable to profit.

An intelligent ball from Aaron Forde picked out Reid on the left but he blazed over from a good position. A rare effort on goal from the visitors on 85 minutes saw Veiga do well to beat Khan but he was beaten three minutes later when Jack Waters found space to head home and give Frickley the lead.

Good quality rugby in close-run thing

Walsall 24 Leek 21

RUGBY

THIS was a game that produced a lot of good quality rugby between two teams who were relegated from Midlands One West last season. The lead had changed seven times before Walsall's winger Jordan Lay raced over for what proved to be the winning score four minutes before the final whistle.

The hosts created some early pressure, but it was Leek that scored first after their first foray into opposition territory. Mc Dermott putting over a fairly easy penalty after both teams were penalised around the tackle area. Walsall equal-

ised immediately with Mitch Carless putting over a good thirty five metre penalty. It was not long before another penalty at the breakdown saw McDermott give his team the lead once more. The hosts scored the first try of the game after No8 Rod Dickson had turned over possession and made a good run before finding flanker Connor McGuirk in support. Some quick passing gave centre Andy Taylor the space to run through to score his first try for his new club. Carless added

a good conversion from a difficult angle. Walsall started the second half strongly and a Hickman run took play close to the opposition line, but poor passing resulted in a try scoring opportunity being missed. They did however increase their advantage with another Carless penalty. McDermott then put his team back in front with an excellent touchline conversion. Eight minutes later it was Carless that was displaying his place kicking skills with a forty five metre penalty kick to make it 19 – 18.

However, immediately after the restart another McDermott penalty restored the Leek lead.

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WHEN Walsall offered new deals to 12 out-of-contract players, there was one man in particular fans wanted to see stay, writes Joseph Masi.

Romaine Sawyers, despite often dividing opinion, was seen by many as the darling of the Banks's Stadium.

Now though, Saddlers fans have a new hero to idolise in Erhun Oztumer, a man who – in this humble writer's opinion – is an even better player than the one who left for Brentford.

At the County Ground on Saturday, the 25-year-old was irresistible and scored two goals that will both be replayed over and over again.

The first saw him catch goalkeeper Lawrence Vigouroux off his line with a spectacular strike from 45 yards. But this wasn't a hit-and-hope effort from Walsall's number 10, Oztumer stroked the ball over the French glovesman – with it clear it was net bound as soon as it left his boot.

Impressive

One commentator in the press box described it as David Beckham-esque. And the comparisons with great players continued as Oztumer grabbed an equally impressive second after the interval.

This time the former Peterborough man read Kevin Toner's long ball in the box.

But instead of taking a touch, Oztumer produced a sublime volley to steer the ball past Vigouroux and into the far corner. It was the first time the creative schemer has netted a brace in his career. And it capped what has truly been an outstanding start to his life as a Saddler.

But in truth, his goals were simply the icing on the cake in what was Walsall's most convincing win of the season. Right from the off they controlled proceedings with Swindon having no answers for their high pressing game.

Walsall dominated possession all afternoon, effortlessly moving the ball through the thirds.

It was from Walsall's press that Oztumer got his first, with Darnell Furlong giving the ball away too easily. And in the second half the Saddlers should have scored two more when Andreas Makris hit the bar with a tap-in and Kieron Morris flashed a strike wide.

Rachel's in football Hall of Fame



Rachel Unitt seen in action for the women's England side

WALSALL-BORN England women's football great Rachel Unitt says she has been 'humbled' to be inducted into the game's Hall of Fame. The 34-year-old, from Bentley, was honoured at the National Football Museum in Manchester in honour of her 102 caps for England as well as a long career at clubs like Wolves and Everton.

Unitt, who attended the awards with her dad Terry, a former semi-pro player who first introduced her to the game, admitted: "When you see the names who are in there already it doesn't seem real that I'm alongside them. The likes of George Best and David Beckham are in there. "It was a big shock when I found out I was going to be in there too."

"When you start out and break into the side at somewhere like Wolves then get in the England set-up and get a cap, then you target 20 caps, or 50 or a hundred; that's in your own hands. "But something like this was a total shock to me when I was nominated. I feel really humbled."



Birch to rescue as Lockmen get point

Stone OA 1 Willenhall Town 1

CHADD Birch's 15th goal of the season snatched a barely-deserved West Midlands Premier point for Willenhall Town in stoppage-time at Stone on Saturday.

The first half was pretty much devoid of entertainment. The home side stepped up the pace in the second half, culminating with Malaki Norford being played down the right wing before he cut into the box and fired home via the far post from an acute angle on 69 minutes.

With a minute of stoppage-time already played, Birch was played through on goal, and he managed to slip an effort under the keeper to level the game.

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POSITIVE TRENDS MIXED WITH UNCERTAINTY.

A combination of the continuing increase in big ticket furniture sales, together with the drop in sterling's currency valuation plus some unprecedented business opportunities have all led to the need for this dramatic clear out of stock.

It's been well documented that High street sales have experienced a definite upturn. Cousins are no exception, with furniture sales flourishing as the economy comes out of recession. Increased buoyancy in the housing market, property refurbishments and extensions have all contributed, along with a general feel good factor. Consumers are definitely returning to household projects and plans that may have been put on hold during years of uncertainty.

"Our customers are investing in both quality and brand assurance. People are becoming more adventurous in the styles that they're purchasing" said John Shotton, Managing Director.

However, this is now mixed with uncertainty, as the UK's June Brexit Referendum has led to a dramatic devaluing of the pound against foreign currencies, which will potentially result in significant price increases on the High Street, with furniture being no exception.

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WAREHOUSE RESTRUCTURING.

Both online and offline, Cousins' will be enhancing the shopping experience. The recent completion of an in-house photography studio will vastly improve the quality and variety of their website imagery. It also necessitates the need to clear part of the main warehouse along with the associated stock, to accommodate the facility, putting even greater urgency on the success of the Clearance Event.

STOCK ARRIVING DAILY - EVERYTHING MUST GO.

This tremendous need to clear stock from suppliers, their warehouses plus in-store mean that consignments will continue to arrive daily, and be marked down to prices for immediate Clearance and delivery due to the

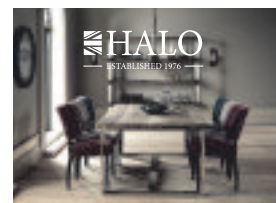
enormous pressure for space. "We need to clear this stock as soon as possible with everything available for immediate delivery. It really is a case of everything must go" said John Shotton. "We are delighted to offer our customers more choice than ever before. These are some of the biggest savings we have ever offered and expect people to take full advantage"

MADE TO ORDER.

Cousins have even dramatically reduced all made to order items, so you can choose exactly what size or colours suits your home. Their expert team of sales people will be on hand to ensure you make the right decision at the best price. "We are expecting this to be our busiest event of the year from the minute the doors open. With many one-off bargains and unrepeatable deals it really will be a case of first come first served" said John Shotton, Managing Director.

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